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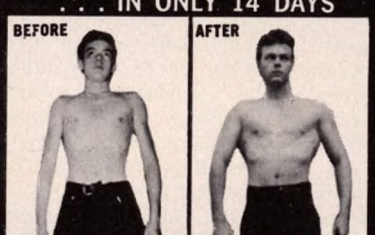

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Speaks Out !!!

FLEISCHER

I HAVE received quite a few letters from readers concerning the Fighter of the Year for 1969. The Ring picked Jose Napoles, with Ruben Olivares second and Joe Frazier third.

The Boxing Writers' Association, based in New York, which has considerable prestige and authority, voted Frazier the No. 1 boxer of the past year.

Failure of The Ring to pick the same fighter as the writers elected has happened very often, maybe more often than not.

This time there is unusual concern among readers, and ring buffs in general, about the difference of opinion. There is a call for explanation.

Ordinarily The Ring does not become involved in any debates having to do with the Fighter of the Year choice.

The Ring's choice is guided not only by me, but by all members of its staff.

We go into a room, lock the door, take the telephone receiver off the hook, and fight it out. When I say "fight it out," I am not fooling. Voices are raised.

Oddly enough, there was less vehemence in the discussion this time than we had had in some years.

Frazier was placed in nomination and his claims were examined carefully, with every desire and intention to give him everything that was coming to him. But the final decision gave him the No. 3 location behind Napoles and Olivares.

The writers' decision was not without foundation. True, Frazier spent the year 1969 engaging in only one real fight, the one in which he battered Jerry Quarry. His warmup for that engagement, with Dave Zyglewicz, hardly was a battle to be considered. The affair lasted some 90 seconds. As had been expected, Dave was overmatched.

Could Frazir's election be supported on the basis of only his one fight, with Quarry?

Yes, if that fight stood alone against not more frequent action by another standout entry.

As one of the proponents of Frazier pointed out at the writers' meeting, Joe's one decision was strong enough to boost him for election. It was revealed that many heavyweight champions had been picked on not more frequent exposure to competition.

The fact is, the choice of Frazier could not be supported in so far as counter-entries from all over the world were concerned.

In New York, with the Frazier-Jimmy Ellis fight then coming up, the election of the Olympian found some reasonable support.

In Mexico City, in Los Angeles, Ottumwa, Tokyo, London and Paris, the election of Frazier against Napoles by The Ring could not have been supported with sufficient strength to make it convincing.

In short, a Ring Fighter of the Year must show universal strength. This was presented by Napoles.

The Ring staff gave stronger claims to Olivares than it was willing to give to Frazier for 1969.

Napoles marked the year with five victories, and acquisition of the welterweight championship by a KO over Curtis Cokes. In a return match, the Mexican again whipped the Texas entry.

Olivares had nine fights in 1969. In one of them he knocked out Lionel Rose for the bantamweight title. Every one of Ruben's nine appearances ended in a knockout. He had to fight only 41 rounds to make a clean sweep of the year's schedule.

Cut the minutes lost in terminal rounds and you have a truly remarkable record for the year.

The staff debate came down to a comparison between the Napoles achievement in knocking out Cokes for the welter title, and the Olivares feat in stopping Rose for the bantam crown. The Ring's electorate gave it to Jose, by a shade.

The Ring Magazine felicitates boxing over the keen interest shown in The Ring's and the writers' choices. There are red blood corpuscles in this situation.

This little debate bids fair to become one of the most interesting involving the Ring choice since it was originated in 1928, with the election of Gene Tunney. Jack Dempsey never got the award. By 1928 he had passed out of boxing as a significant contemporary figure.

One of the toughest tasks I have encountered in The Ring's Fighter of the Year selection came in 1933.

Examination of The Ring's list of choices reveals this entry for that year as "No award."

Many of the magazine's readers took up the cudgels for then reigning heavyweight champion Primo Carnera.

On June 29, 1933, Carnera knocked out Jack Sharkey and became the heavyweight champion. On October, 22, 1933, Da Preem took a 15-round decision over Paulino in Rome.

In so far as the record book was concerned, Carnera was entitled to the gold medal.

But The Ring could not okeh Primo because it did not like his managerial setup.

I could not, in all conscience, give it to the heavyweight champion, with his hoodlum connections, who took most of his earnings and would not let him go free. Nor could The Ring give the citation to anybody else.

The Ring could not publish the reasons for the failure to designate Carnera, at that time. Later on, the facts became public property.

The mail supporting Carnera was extremely heavy.

Another powerful debate developed in 1934, when The Ring picked Barney Ross and Tony Canzoneri, the only twin choices in the history of the citation.

THE RING WITHDRAWS RECOGNITION OF CLAY AS HEAVY KING

By DAN DANIEL

THE Ring Magazine has withdrawn its support from Cassius Clay as the heavyweight champion of the world and has accepted Joe Frazier, of Philadelphia, as Clay's legal and indisputable successor to the title.

On the night of February 16, Frazier defeated Jimmy Ellis, of Louisville, Ky., and eliminated him as the only contender for the universal championship.

As a result, our readers will find the heavyweight ratings in this issue of The Ring headed by Frazier, all alone.

In deciding to withdraw its backing of Clay as the continuing holder of the title which he won by knocking out Sonny Liston at Miami Beach on the night of February 25, 1964, in seven rounds, The Ring was prompted by Cassius himself.

Since 1968, with Clay inactive, and adjudged guilty of a felony for refusing to accept a draft call, The Ring had refused to take the title from him unless he were found guilty of the felony by the Supreme Court of the United States and forced to enter a Federal penitentiary for a period of five years with the additional punishment of a fine of $10,000. As ruled by the Federal courts, these judgments were not eliminated by the Supreme Court's first review of the Clay case.

That review asked the Federal courts to ignore, in consideration of the felony charge, any evidence which the government might have obtained through wire tapping and bugging, and any other material picked up by clandestine methods.

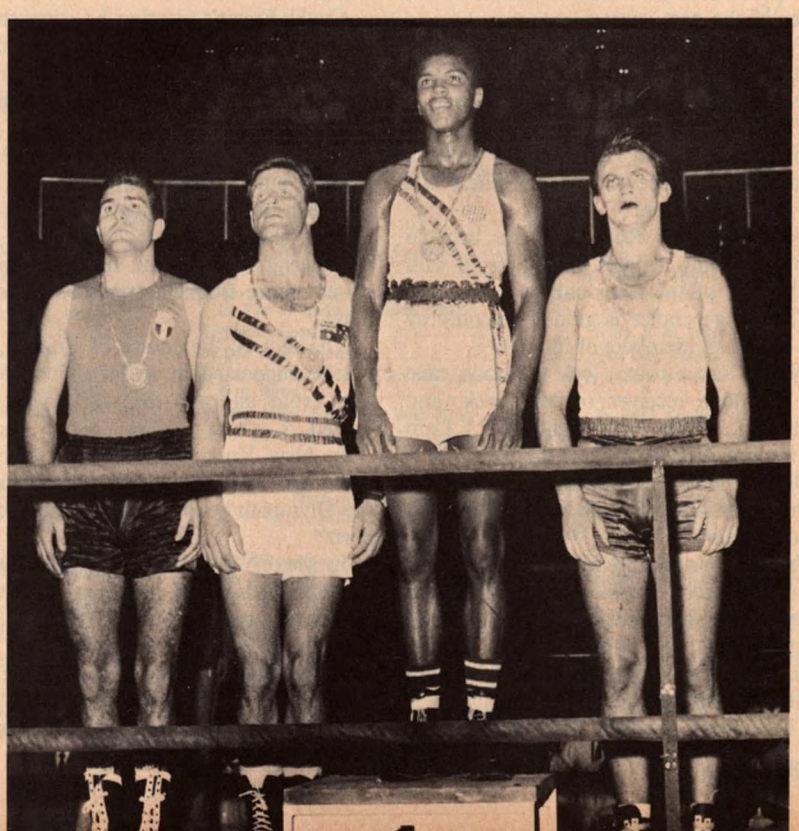
Month after month, against the dissent of a considerable percentage of its readership all over the world, The Ring persisted in its stand that Cassius Clay was entitled to his day in court. The Ring held that he could not be deprived of the world championship unless the Supreme Court found him guilty of a felony, or Cassius Clay, of his free will and uncoerced determination, gave up the world championship and announced his retirement from boxing.

Month after month Clay held to his defense that, as a lay preacher of the Black Muslim church, and as a conscientious objector, he could not be denied exemption from Selective Service.

In supporting Clay's right to hold the world title, The Ring did not back up his claims as a preacher and conscientious objector. But it did insist and persist that Cassius could not be shorn of his championship unless his defense was utterly controverted and his points were denied by the courts.

Or, if supported by the courts, he were to lose his title in the ring.

Last Summer, Clay, making talks all over the country, said that he would fight no more.



Cassius Clay, on podium, receives Olympic Gold Medal at Rome in 1960 after winning light heavyweight honors. His victim in the final Zbigniew Pietrzykowski, is on the right.

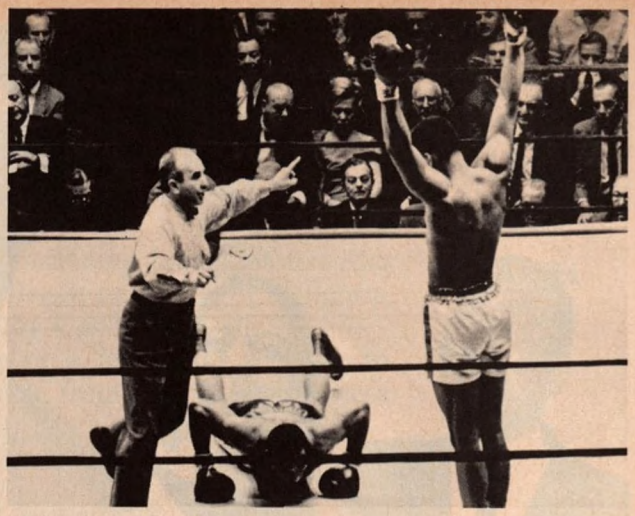
(Left) Here is Clay with his father and mother on the eve of his second triumph over Sonny Liston at Lewiston, Me. in 1965. (Below) Clay emphasizes a point during a press conference in Philadelphia.

(Above) Clay, with attorney Charles Morgan, Jr. of Atlanta, as they left the Federal Courthouse in Houston after a hearing on one of Clay's appeals in 1969. (Left) Elijah Muhammad appears very pleased with what Cassius is saying to his followers during a Black Muslim convention in Chicago in 1968.

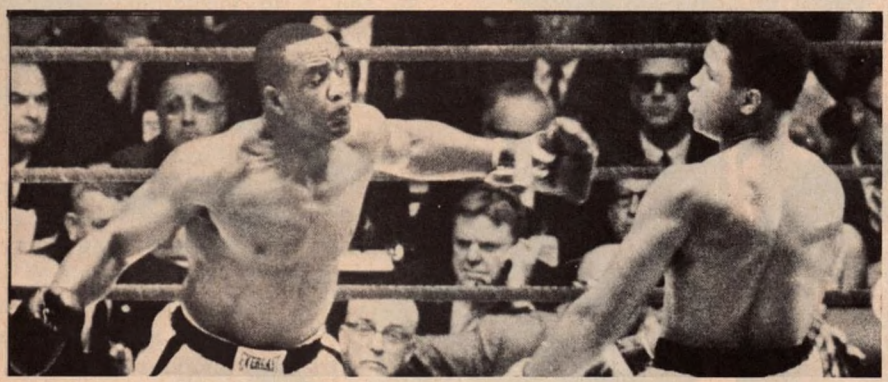
He had gotten into difficulties with Elijah Muhammad, the Black Muslim ruler. Cassius had been suspended by the Muslims for one year and he appeared to be upset thereover.

Disturbed by its standing up for a man who kept telling the public that he would fight no more in the arena, The Ring got in touch with him. The results of a telephone conversation with him at his home in Chicago were inconclusive. He said that he had not made up his mind. This appeared to kill his retirement statements.

Last December, Clay returned to his retirement stand. Later he appeared in a Broadway stage production in which his limited skills were assessed as being superior to his vehicle. The play made a fast exit.



Zora Folley is on the deck in the fourth round and referee Johnny LoBianco motions Clay, hands upraised, to a neutral corner. Cassius won via a seven-round knockout on March 22, 1967. It was his last appearance in the ring.



(Left) Sonny Liston misses with a long left in the second round of their first meeting in Miami Beach in 1964. Clay became heavyweight king when Liston failed to answer the bell for the seventh round, claiming an injured shoulder. (Below) The first round at Lewiston with Clay gesturing to Liston to get up. Sonny did but the bout, ending in a timing mixup, went to Clay via a knockout.

In February, 1970, Cassius Clay's expressed determination not to appear in the ring again as a professional became more emphatic than ever. He said that he would present to the winner of the Frazier-Ellis fight the world championship belt which had been awarded to him by The Ring Magazine in 1964.

A few days before the Frazier-Ellis contest, Eddie Dooley, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, ruled that Clay would not be permitted to make the presentation in the Madison Square Garden ring. Cassius thereupon announced that he would ship the belt to his Louisville Alma Mater, Central High School.

Nat Fleischer, editor and publisher of The Ring, who had become friendly with Clay at the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome, where Cassius won the light heavyweight title, called a staff conference and asked for a determination of the Clay case.

It was the strong sentiment of the staff that Clay had given up the world championship of his free will and that The Ring had been released from its commitments on his behalf.

The Ring decision was made without a dissenting voice. It also was voted that the winner of the Frazier-Ellis fight would be recognized by this magazine as the new heavyweight champion of the world.

If, as many skeptics predict, Clay changes his mind about quitting the ring and the lush paydays which would become available to him if he were cleared by the Supreme Court, Cassius would have to appear as the challenger, and emphatically not as the champion.

His position would be similar to the one in which Jim Jeffries found himself on July 4, 1910, at Reno, Nev., where he challenged Jack Johnson, the title

(Above) Clay watches a bit of television in his brand new luxurious home in Philadelphia, reputed to have cost the ex-champ a cool $92,000. (Right) Here is a view of the dining and living rooms in Clay's new digs. If anyone is of the opinion that Cassius has been having a bit of bad luck, it is surely not reflected in these surroundings.

holder, and was knocked out in 15 rounds.

Jeffries had retired in 1905 and announced that he was handing the title to the winner of a bout between Marvin Hart and Jack Root.

Hart beat Root. Tommy Burns beat Hart, and Johnson stopped Burns in 14 rounds on December 26, 1908, at Sydney, Australia.

The lucre lure got the better of Jeffries, and he went after Johnson, who was far superior to the once mighty Boilermaker.

Johnson was beaten by Jess Willard and then Jack Dempsey knocked out Big Jess.

Retiring unbeaten, Black Muslim Clay achieves a fistic distinction which hitherto had been gained by only two other heavyweight champions, Gene Tunney, in July, 1928, after he had knocked out Tom Heeney, and Rocky Marciano, in April, 1956, following his nine-round victory over Archie Moore.

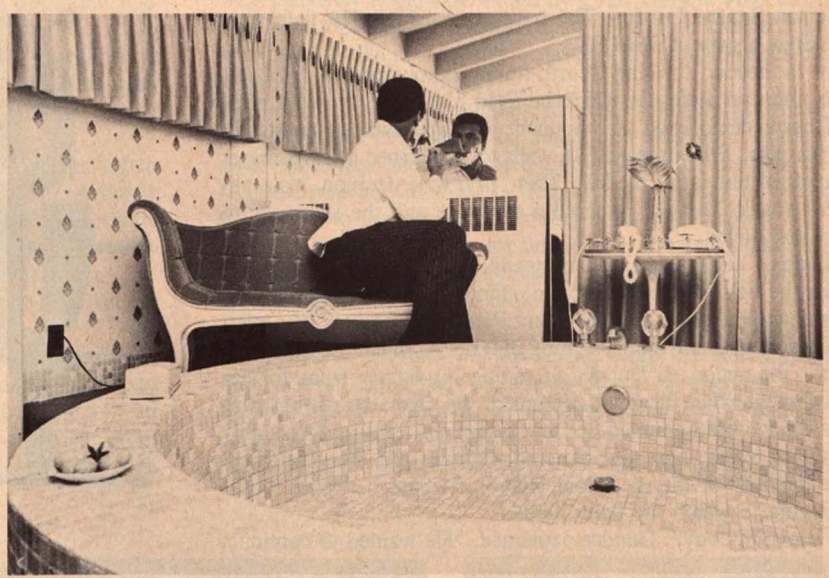
If the Supreme Court finds the case against Clay indefensible by him and ships him off to jail, Cassius will find himself in a sorry plight shared by no other world heavyweight champion.

No other heavyweight champion has resisted an Army call to duty.

No other boxer ever placed himself on record as a conscientious objector.

No other professional boxer ever before asked the public to accept him as a preacher for a religious sect while he yet was competing.

No other professional fighter, still seeking to defend a world title, refused national service in a time of battle.



Clay takes a rather comfortable-looking shave in the bathroom. Note the circular tub and two telephones. Not bad for an ex-champ.

Tunney came out of the Marines. Max Schmeling doubtless had no option but he did serve when called by Hitler's army.

Joe Louis enlisted, and fought several times for service relief funds.

The Ring wishes to take the opportunity to thank those of its readers who dissented pleasantly from its policy in backing Cassius as the champion, against the claims of Ellis, who won the WBA elimination tournament, and Frazier, whose title claims were supported by six states and some foreign countries. Dissenting readers never denied The Ring's right to support Clay.

The position now adopted by The Ring will be acclaimed by the British Board of Boxing Control and many other governing bodies.

Elimination of Clay will clear up a heavyweight muddle which hurt all boxing throughout the world.

The Ring admitted the existence of this injury, but, nevertheless, fought for the right.

The Ring offers its congratulations to Frazier as the new champion, and its condolences to Ellis, who was a gentleman all the way.

Their campaigns toward the confrontation in New York were happily and pleasantly devoid of personalities, and that scurrilous vituperation which sometimes has entered into such situations. Boxing has grown up.

Frazier Is Now Undisputed Champion

By NAT FLEISCHER

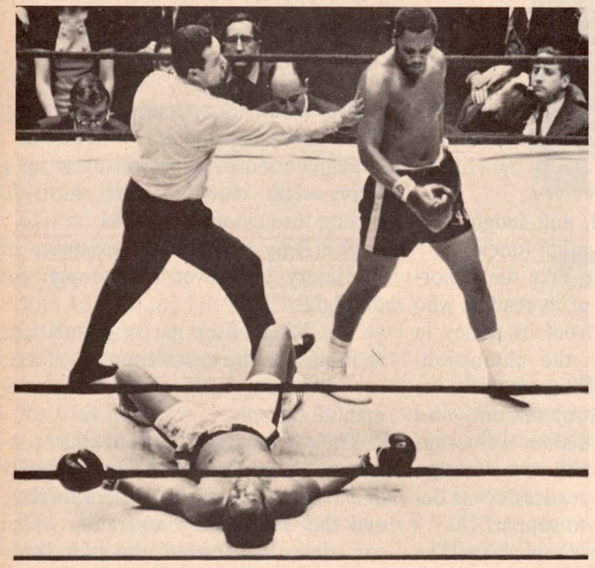
WITH his knockout of Jimmy Ellis of Louisville, Ky., Joe Frazier of Philadelphia, Pa., became the universal heavyweight titleholder on the night of February 16 at Madison Square Garden. The bout attracted 18,079 fight fans and drew a gate of $647,997.

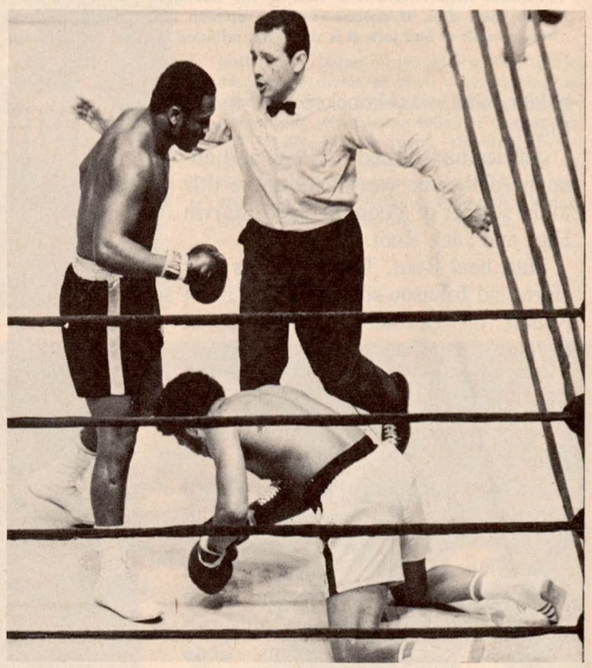
In a hectic, thrilling fourth-round bombardment, Frazier, with non-stop action in which he fired blow after blow to body and head, demolished his opponent. Groggy, swaying, unsteady on his pins, Ellis managed to walk to his corner after rising at a count of nine after the bell. Then, in a wise decision, his manager, Angelo Dundee, ordered a stoppage and the successor to Clay was hailed.

Though bleary-eyed and unsteady, Ellis wanted to continue when the bell for the fifth round sounded, but Dundee, holding him down, informed Referee Tony Perez that the fight was over.

Wild cheers, and applause rang out, not so much for the victor as for the action of Dundee in saving his fighter from further punishment. Had the bout continued, the chances are that Ellis would have been counted out on the canvas. He was thoroughly subdued, weary, hurt and battered. Dundee did the wise thing. The majority of the spectators, many of whom had paid a century note to watch the fight, agreed.

"I love my boy," Dundee explained. "He wanted to continue,





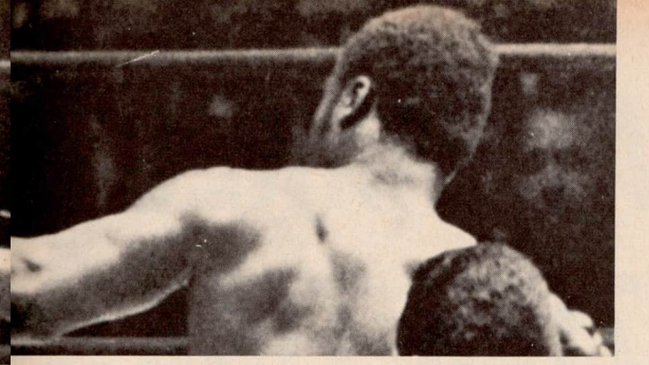
Ellis is on the canvas for the first time in the fourth round as referee Tony Perez motions Frazier to go to a neutral corner.

but why let him suffer more than he did? I didn't want him to get hurt, so I stopped it."

For this he deserves the credit accorded him by the scribes. Since the fourth round had ended and the bell had sounded for a continuation of the contest, the fight goes into the record books as a fifth-round kayo.

Frazier, supported as champion by six states and several foreign countries, showed why he was installed as a 6 to 1 favorite. He dominated the short contest following the opening round which Ellis took by a fair margin. Ellis, in that frame, gave an indication that he would shove aside the tearing-in offense of his opponent and display his superiority. That style worked well in the first session but failed by a wide margin with each succeeding round.

The beginning of the end. Ellis is flat on his back after hitting the deck for the second time. The bell rang at the count of five but, under the New York State rules, the count continued and Ellis managed to get up at nine but wasn't allowed to answer the bell for round five.



Joe Frazier lands his powerful left hook right on Jimmy Ellis' button during the fourth round after Ellis missed with his own left. A little bit later, similar left hooks destroyed Jimmy.

From the second round on, it was a bulling, battering style that Frazier employed and it proved its worth as the bout progressed. Joe took a number of hard hits in the opening session and on several occasions in the rounds that followed, but they weren't sufficient to halt his steady progress.

The six-state champion took command after the first round and followed through to the end. He gave Ellis little opportunity to maneuver by crowding him throughout the fight.

After landing devastating punches twice in the third round with a savage left hook attack, Frazier knew he had his man whipped and that the fight would not go on much longer. He went to his corner with a wide grin.

Few among the spectators thought the fight would go much longer either. Ellis' legs began to show their weakness shortly after the fourth round had begun. While his opponent came rushing out of his corner, tossing blows from all angles, some landing, others falling short, Ellis tried his utmost to clinch.

The sign of defeat was now very obvious. It was now simply a question of how much more could he take.

When the gong clanged, Frazier leaped from his seat, tore across the ring and began tossing punches. It didn't take long before he was pummelling Ellis at will. Both body and head blows were rained on Jimmy. He was taking punishment from all angles and could scarcely stand the assault. Midway through the round a pair of tremendous left hooks floored Ellis for the first time. He rose at eight.

A savage left hook, quickly followed by a powerful right and left to the body, put Ellis down again near the end of the round. He spun to the canvas. The bell rang at the count of five. Ellis started to get up but under the mandatory rules of the N.Y. State Athletic Commission, the count was continued. At nine he was up but very wobbly.

When Dundee leaped into the ring, he grasped the weary battler, quickly placed him on his corner chair and doused him with water in an effort to bring him back to full consciousness. But Ellis didn't respond sufficiently to please Dundee.

The bell sounded for the fifth and as Referee Perez motioned to Dundee to clear the corner, Angelo announced the fight was over.

It was Ellis' first defeat since joining the heavyweight ranks. Here was a clever boxer against a slugger, and, not like what had been expected of him, Jimmy, instead of employing his strongest asset, decided to gamble on exchanges of blows. That worked well in the opening round, but was a complete failure thereafter. He played into the hands of his opponent. Jimmy won that opening frame, but none thereafter.

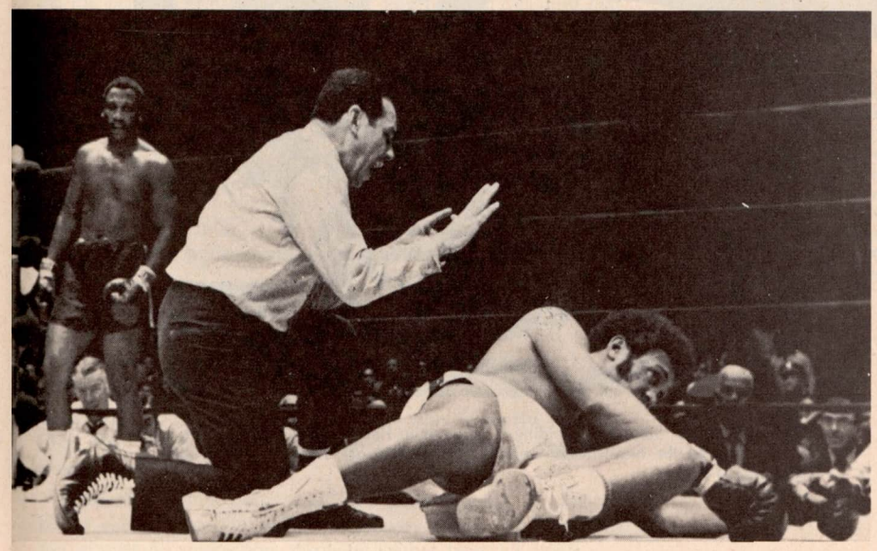
Starting the second round, Frazier opened his attack with a left hook, his best blow. Throughout that frame he worked it with efficiency to gain the round by a fair margin. Henceforth it was all in favor of the Philadelphian. Twice Joe stunned his foe with those hooks and on each occasion Ellis jumped into a clinch to prevent further damage.

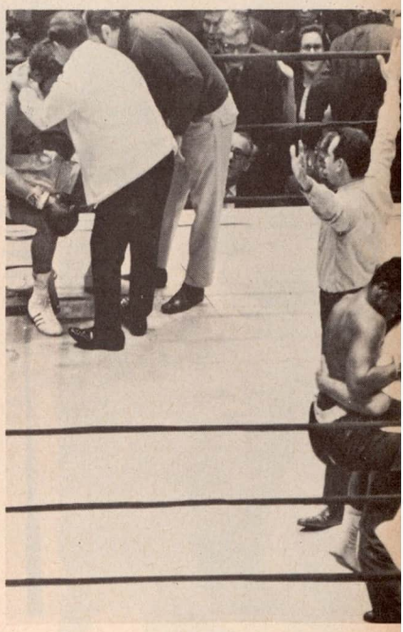
The third round was slightly different from the previous one in that Frazier heightened the attack and kept up a steady forward movement that prevented Ellis from using his stiff jab as frequently as he did when he fought Jerry Quarry in Oakland, California, to win the World Boxing Association crown.

When the fourth frame got under way, Frazier quickly began the action that set up his opponent for the kill. Body blows that landed with heavy damage took their toll.

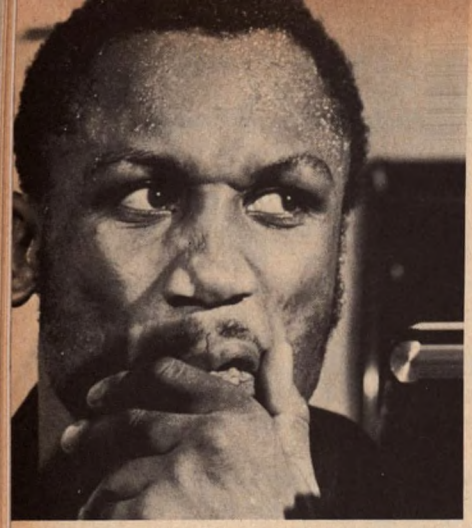
Jimmy was now showing the effects of the damage. He clinched several times, but no sooner were the pair separated, than a new major body and head attack followed. It became obvious the end was near as the pummelling which Jimmy received around the head dazed him.

Then followed the savage left *(Continued on page 36)*





Here is another view of the second knockdown. The referee is counting after the bell as Ellis attempts to pull himself erect. (Right) Referee Perez signals that it's all over as Frazier and trainer Yancey Durham hug each other with glee while manager Angelo Dundee ministers to Ellis in the corner.



WHAT MAKES FRAZIER TICK?

By GEORGE GIRSCH

JOE FRAZIER, once an overweight young meat-cutter without much of a future in a Philadelphia slaughterhouse, now sits high atop the fistic world, monarch of all he surveys, king of the jungle at age 26.

With his demolishing of Jimmy Ellis, recognized by the WBA as heavyweight champion, and The Ring's withdrawal of recognition from Cassius Clay, Frazier can now unqualifiedly be called heavyweight champion of the world.

Who is Joe Frazier? What makes him tick? Where does he go from here? Can he go on to become one of the outstanding titleholders of all time in the mold of Jim Jeffries, Jack Johnson, Jack Dempsey, Gene Tunney, Joe Louis and Rocky Marciano?

Frazier is colorful, good copy, can throw bombs with either hand, has self confidence and fears no ringman.

Joe stated his philosophy best after the Ellis debacle when he said:

"When I go out there, I have no pity on my brother. I'm out there to win."

When he knew he had Ellis where he wanted him, he taunted Jimmy during the fourth round before flooring the Kentuckian twice, with, "Sissy, you can't hit. I can take everything you can throw." Then he proceeded to methodically destroy a boxer who had never before been decked as a heavyweight.

Outside of boxing where he always 'comes out smokin', the biggest things in Joe's life are his singing and his cycling.

Frazier has cut a few records for Capitol and has appeared with his group, called "The Knockouts." Joe says "My bag is hard rock."

Joe doesn't drink or smoke. He's addicted to motorcycles,

One of Frazier's "hobbies" is riding a motorcycle. Here he gives three of his children a spin on the two-wheeled vehicle. Left to right are Weatta 6, Jacqueline 8, and Marius 9.

Joe Frazier is not only good at belting out opponents but at belting out songs, too. Here we see "Smokin' Joe" cutting a track for Capitol Records called "Knockout Drop."

though. He says riding one relaxes him.

Of course, Joe's bike-riding activities disturb his Philadelphia sponsors no little. He's a very valuable piece of bric-a-brac to Cloverlay, Inc., the main asset of which is Joe Frazier and his dynamic left hook.

The new titleholder was sponsored by the newly-formed organization when he embarked on his professional fistic career in 1965. Originally there were 80 shares at $250 each in the $20,000 invested. There have been five stock splits since. There are now 226 shares, each with a paper value of $14,400.

For the first few years of his contract with Cloverlay, Joe received 50% of his purses. He receives 55% for the current three-year period. From 1970 through 1974, if he stays around that long, Frazier will receive 60%. Manager Yancy Durham gets 15% off the top.

According to a Cloverlay director, "If Joe were to retire tomorrow, he'd get $218,000 in cold cash." That's the amount of money the organization is holding for him. Half of that is invested for him and the other half is distributed to him as a weekly salary. Frazier used to receive $100 a week, then $200. Now he is up to $400. Additionally, there is a trust fund set up for Joe's four children.

Cloverlay has expanded into the music publishing business as well as into real estate. The newest purchase is an apartment building and gym which is to be remodeled. The organization plans to develop some other fighters. The eventual goal is that when Frazier is ready to retire, he and Durham will run the gym and handle the fighters.

What about now, today, what does Joe do for an encore after taking care of Ellis?

He has already disposed of Jerry Quarry, George Chuvalo, Oscar Bonavena, Manuel Ramos and Buster Mathis. Possibilities on the fistic horizon are ex-champ Floyd Patterson, who would probably draw well, but have not much chance with Smokin' Joe; Mac Foster, the Pacific Coast sensation who has not as yet established himself; George Foreman, who defeated veteran Gregorio Peralta on the Frazier-Ellis card, but is far from ready; and Bob Foster, light heavyweight champion, who has never been successful among the big boys, despite his height, reach and hitting ability.

The fellow that Frazier and Durham want to meet is Cassius Clay. In the dressing room following the victory over Ellis, Joe exclaimed:

"I'm gonna retire until that other fella who wanted to give me the belt can fight me. I'm gonna sing rock 'n roll until that Muhammad Ali or Cassius Clay or whatever his name is can fight me.

"Bob Foster? I ain't botherin' him. So I told him, 'don't you go botherin' me,' " declared Joe.

Until his triumph over Ellis, Frazier was generally regarded as a fellow who could not bring down an opponent with one punch, instead doing the job by the process of a steady bombardment of various blows. But against Ellis, Frazier's left hook was a vicious weapon as it rendered Ellis as helpless as one of the carcasses of meat Joe used to work on in days of yore.

Frazier also had the reputation of being easy to hit. Nobody, except perhaps Manuel Ramos, has hurt Joe with a single punch to any degree. Jimmy Ellis was unable to land a solid blow. When asked about Ellis' punching power, Frazier replied:

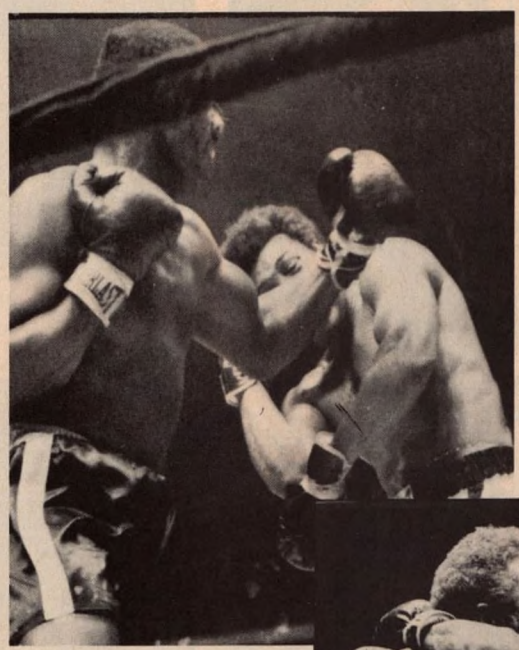
"Ellis can punch good but he didn't hit me with any."

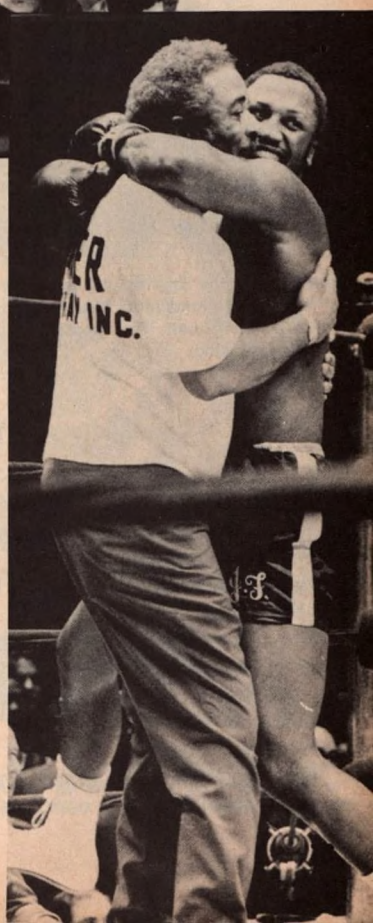
As Angelo Dundee, Ellis' manager who formerly handled Clay, said, "This Joe Frazier could have licked anybody in front of him."

Frazier's machine-gun attack has been likened to that of Henry Armstrong, the old triple-crown holder, who used to swarm over his opposition, throwing leather from all angles.

Joe, who has always been willing to take a few punches in order to land his own bombs, has now racked up 25 wins in 25 bouts, with 22 knockouts. He has *(Continued on page39)*

This smiling trio consists of Bruce Baldwin, founder of Cloverlay, Yancy Durham and Joe Frazier. And they have a lot to smile about these days.



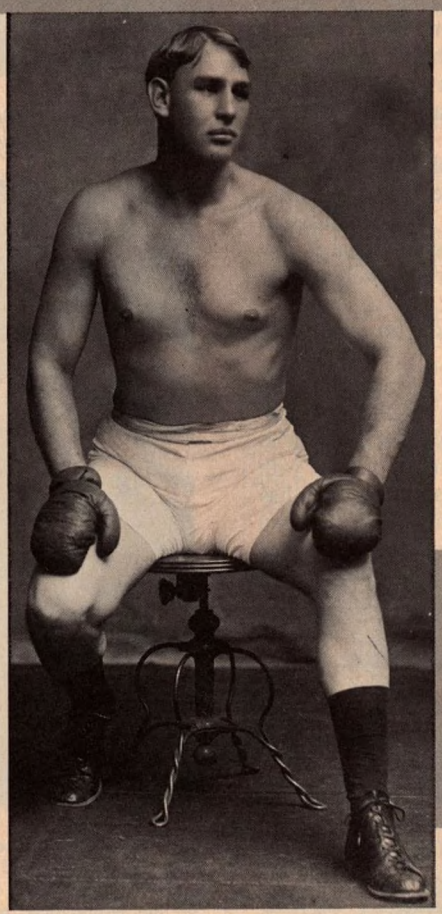


(Above) Frazier has connected with the final blow of his bout with Ellis. Jimmy hit the floor for the second time, got up at the count of nine as the referee continued the count after the bell ended the fourth round but did not come out for the fifth round. (Right) A jubilant Joe Frazier and Yancy Durham hug each other after Joe was declared the winner.

ANOTHER WHITE HOPE ERA WOULD BE MERE TRAVESTY

(Above) Jess Willard, who culminated the White Hope Era of long ago by knocking out Jack Johnson in 26 rounds at Havana, Cuba, in 1915. (Below) Victor McLaglan, later to become a famous Hollywood actor, was one of the hopefuls in the White Hope sweepstakes. Vic fought Jack Johnson in 1909 in a no-decision contest.

Tom Cowler, the Englishman, who was known as "The Cumberland Man Mountain." His sponsor was Gentleman Jim Corbett, the former heavyweight king.



Carl Morris is remembered as the original White Hope. Known as "The Sapulpa Giant," Morris stood 6-6 and scaled about 225.

By DAN DANIEL

ON April 27, 1956, 14 years ago, Rocky Marciano announced his retirement as the heavyweight champion of the world. Like Gene Tunney, he kept his word and stayed retired.

On November 30, 1956, Floyd Patterson knocked out Archie Moore in five rounds, and became the new titleholder.

Ever since 1956, the heavyweight championship has been held by a Negro.

Patterson was followed by Sonny Liston, Charley yielded to Cassius Clay, and now, it is Joe Frazier who sits on the heavyweight throne as the reigning leader.

Time was when the continued tenure of a black man would have aroused racial feeling and brought on what used to be called a White Hope drive.

But there is no White Hope campaign. There will be no White Hope Era. In so far as professional boxing is concerned, bigotry and racism have gone into limbo.

There is a similarly fortuitous situation in major league baseball.

When Jackie Robinson, the first major player known to be a Negro, broke into the lineup of the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947, there was considerable anti feeling not only among fans, but in the ranks of the players, especially those from the South.

But other Negroes came into the big leagues. Other black stars of spectacular skill helped to elevate the technical standards of the game. Bar the Negro from the big leagues and you have to padlock the ball parks.

In any event, the situation brings back memories of the White Hope Era which led to Jess Willard's dethroning Jack Johnson, and was followed by Jack Dempsey's succession to Jess.

While Johnson held the title, Caucasian resentment was especially strong because of his flair for marrying white women, and the trumped-up charge that he had violated the Mann Act, which covers interstate transportation of women for immoral purposes.

The Mann Act still is on the books. But it is one of the big laughs hidden in those sheepskin-bound tomes. Sexual promiscuity has become an international pastime. No boxing figure today would be chased out of the United States, as Johnson was, by Federal hounding.

While Johnson continued to hold the world title, which he had won twice, by stopping first Tommy Burns and then the returned retiree Jim Jeffries, there was an incessant din in the sports pages.

"Bring the title back to the White Race," shouted fight managers and promoters until, on April 5, 1915, in Havana, gigantic Willard knocked out "Lil Artha" in the 26th round.

There were few disinterested shouters among the professionals.

The heavyweight title was worth a lot of money, as Dempsey was to stress, and many managers and promoters were eager to get their fingers on the moolah.

The value of the title as a Caucasian asset was played up in every city, in every village in the United States. The White Hope drive extended into England, Australia, Africa and South America, which, as you will recollect, produced Luis Angel Firpo, the Wild Bull of the Pampas, who belted Dempsey out of the Polo Grounds ring.

It has been estimated that some 3,000 heavyweight tyros were tested out.

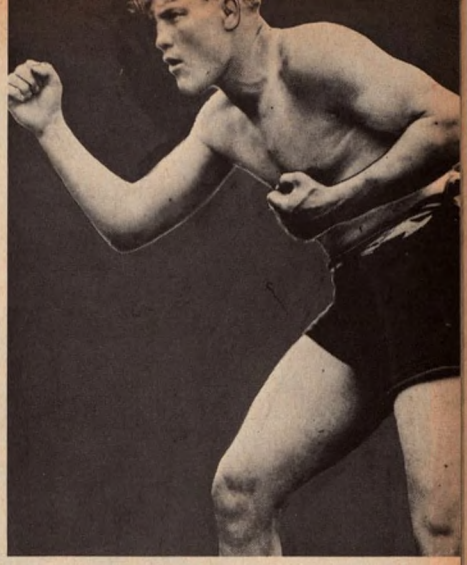
Only 35 developed sufficient skills to command pay for their at times inconceivably awkward demonstrations.

Truck drivers were stopped in the midst of their "useful toil," invited to display their physical assets as fistic potentials, and hopelessly ruined for more arduous labor.

Managers advertised for would-be White Hopes. Here and there light complexioned Negroes tried to slip by the public guard, just as their baseball playing racial counterparts did in the major leagues. Even so great a pilot as John J. McGraw, of the Giants, tried to play a black man as an Indian.

The sins that were committed in the name of Boxing and the White Hope Era at times were more than ludicrous.

But, laugh as the fans would, the fact remains that the White Hope Era did produce Jess Willard. It banished the Negro from the heavyweight championship for 22 years, until June 22, 1937, when Joe Louis knocked out Jim Braddock in eight rounds.



The biggest claim to fame of Al Palzer's was his knockout of Bombardier Wells at Madison Square Garden prior to World War I.

One of the strange developments of the White Hope Era was the fact that it did produce some pretty good boxers, and that it accomplished this in remarkably little time.

There was, for one, Frank Moran, who fought Willard in New York for the title.

There were behemoths like Carl Morris, Al Palzer, Bombardier Billy Wells, Al Reich and Al Kaufman.

There came into the spotlight glare

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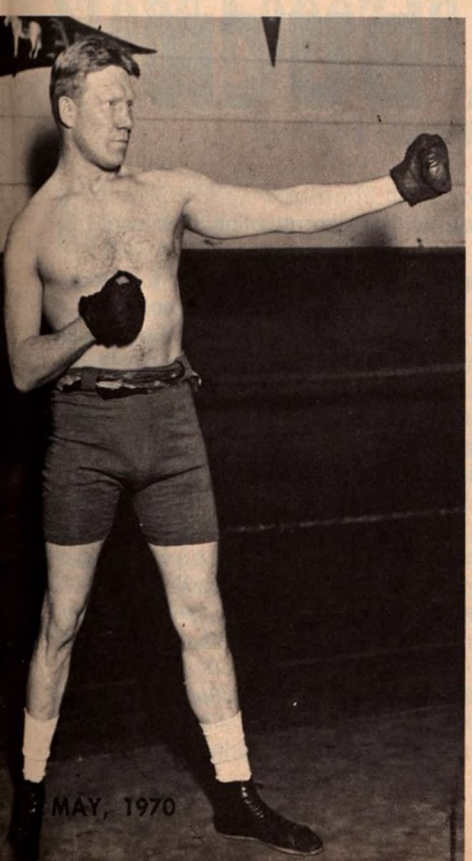
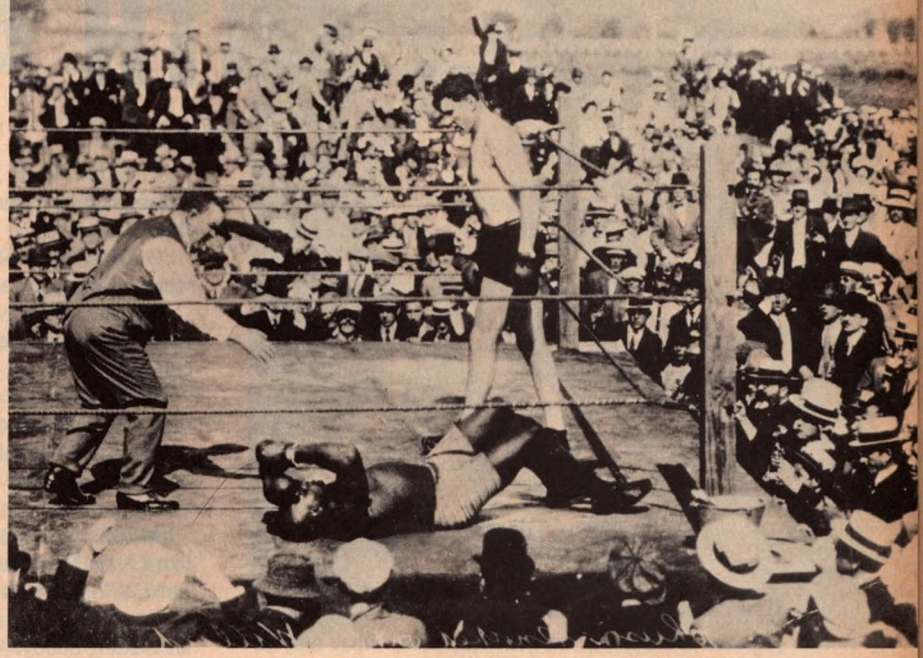




(Left) Frank Moran, whose favorite punch was his powerful right, nicknamed "Mary Ann," fought Willard at the Garden in 1916. (Above) The knockout of Johnson by Willard in the 26th round at Havana on June 5, 1915.

Jeanne Travis, boxing's newest lady manager, watches Larry Buck, whose pilot she has become, work on the heavy bag. Jeanne, who operates a restaurant in Seattle called the Home Plate, says she became a boxing manager because she wanted to engage in an exciting hobby.

LADY PILOT TAKES A CHANCE WITH A BUCK

By PAULIE COOK

SEATTLE, WASH.—There are several female boxing promoters in the United States. But gal managers of boxers are not so prevalent.

The latest to show up is Miss Jeanne Travis, who has assumed the handling of light heavyweight Larry Buck. He is the reigning sensation, for the moment, in the Pacific Northwest. Buck recently hit the headlines with a draw against Andy Kendall.

As Dick Tiger proved in virtually shutting out Kendall, a draw with Andy is not, in a world sense, a tremendous feat. But in Seattle it figures to be a good trick. Ergo, special interest in Buck—and Jeanne.

Miss Travis has a tremendous advantage over other boxing managers since she operates a restaurant, the Home Plate. It was in a press conference in the back room of the Home Plate that Jeanne announced her having assumed the handling of Buck.

Buck's position is a favored one in that, come what may in ring earnings, he is sure not to starve to death. The Home Plate menu is reported to be suitable.

Wearing white stretch pants and a sweater to match, Miss Travis said that she had no intention of acting as a second in Buck's corner.

"I know a lot of fighters, and a lot of people in the boxing world, but I am not a dumb blonde," the lady announced.

"Eddie Cotton, who used to be a great fighter, is Buck's trainer and the absolute boss in so far as handling Larry in the ring is concerned."

Buck's first fight in the Travis silks produced a second victory over Billy Marsh, of Las Vegas.

Safe from actual want no matter how much Buck may eat, Miss Travis is out to build a stable. She has made a couple of offers to buy out local managers.

Asked why she had become a pilot, what with running a place like Home Plate being quite a job by itself, Manager Travis replied, "Boxing is the most exciting game there is. Not that operating a restaurant is stodgy. But I wanted to become involved in an exciting hobby.

"Buck has done well to date. But he will do better under my management."

The whole town is talking. There is much interest.

Welterweight king Jose Napoles flattens Ernie (Indian Red) Lopez' nose with a powerful left during their title contest at the Inglewood Forum. Napoles floored the challenger three times, finally stopping him in the 15th.

Jose All The Way; Stops Lopez In 15

By DON FRASER

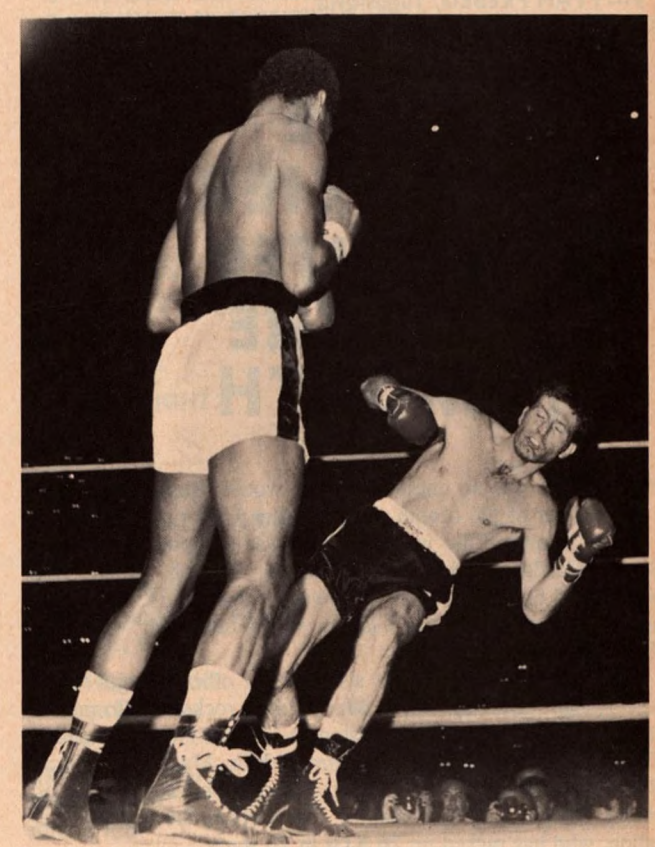
LOS ANGELES—Two world champions, heavyweight Joe Frazier and welterweight Jose Napoles, are virtually without legitimate opposition.

Just as Frazier stands alone at the top of the heavyweight heap, so does Napoles, the Cuban turned Mexican, rate all by himself in the welterweight class.

Confirming his selection by The Ring as the Fighter of the Year of 1969, Jose got off to a flying start in his 1970 campaign by polishing off top-rated challenger Ernie (Indian Red) Lopez in the 15th round at the Inglewood Forum.

It was the transplanted Cuban's fourth successful defense of the championship since he demolished Curtis Cokes in the Forum early in '69. He repeated against Cokes in an encore in Mexico City, and whipped former welterweight and middleweight champion Emile Griffith in the Forum. On his way to the title, Jose inaugurated his 1969 schedule by wrecking Fate Davis in Mexico City.

Despite Napoles' impressive record last year, many authorities expected Lopez to make things troublesome for him. But Ernie, part Indian (Ute) and part Scottish-Irish, was outclassed from the start. Napoles used *(Continued on page 34)*



Lopez topples to the canvas like a felled tree after being hammered by a Napoles left hook to the jaw. Referee Larry Rozadilla halted matters at 2:38 of the final round after the third knockdown of the evening.

WORLD RATINGS

By NAT FLEISCHER

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOE FRAZIER, Philadelphia, Pa.
1—**LEOTIS MARTIN**, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**JIMMY ELLIS**, Louisville, Ky.
3—**MAC FOSTER**, Fresno, Calif.
4—**OSCAR BONAVENA**, Argentina
5—**SONNY LISTON**, Las Vegas, Nev.
6—**JERRY QUARRY**, Los Angeles, Cal.
7—**GEORGE CHUVALO**, Canada
8—**AL JONES**, Perrine, Fla.
9—**HENRY COOPER**, England
10—**JOSE IBAR URTAIN**, Spain

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BOB FOSTER, Washington, D.C.
1—**DICK TIGER**, Biafra
2—**JIMMY DUPREE**, Jersey City, N.J.
3—**MARK TESSMAN**, Houston, Texas
4—**RAY ANDERSON**, Akron, Ohio
5—**HAL CARROLL**, Syracuse, N. Y.
6—**VICENTE RONDON**, Venezuela
7—**ANDY KENDALL**, Portland, Ore.
8—**PIERO DEL PAPA**, Italy
9—**YVAN PREBEG**, Yugoslavia
10—**GOMEO BRENNAN**, Bahamas

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
NINO BENVENUTI, Italy
1—**DENNY MOYER**, Portland, Ore.
2—**LUIS RODRIGUEZ**, Miami Beach, Fla.
3—**EMILE GRIFFITH**, New York, N.Y.
4—**FREDDIE LITTLE**, Las Vegas, Nev.
5—**JUAN CARLOS DURAN**, Italy
6—**TOM BOGS**, Denmark
7—**DON FULLMER**, West Jordan, Utah
8—**FRASER SCOTT**, Seattle, Wash.
9—**DOYLE BAIRD**, Akron, O.
10—**CARLOS MONZON**, Argentina

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOSE NAPOLES, Mexico
1—**MANUEL GONZALEZ**, Odessa, Texas
2—**RODRIGO VALDEZ**, Colombia
3—**ERNIE LOPEZ**, Las Vegas, Nev.
4—**PERCY PUGH**, New Orleans, La.
5—**JOHANN ORSOLICS**, Austria
6—**HEDGEMON LEWIS**, Detroit, Mich.
7—**BILLY BACKUS**, Syracuse, N.Y.
8—**RAUL RODRIGUEZ**, Mexico
9—**DONATO PADUANO**, Canada
10—**RAUL SORIANO**, Mexico

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
NICOLINO LOCHE, Argentina
1—**BRUNO ARCARI**, Italy
2—**ADOLPH PRUITT**, St. Louis, Mo.
3—**JIMMY ROBERTSON**, San Francisco, Cal.
4—**JOAO HENRIQUE**, Brazil
5—**TURK KAMACI**, Austria
6—**ENRIQUE JANA**, Argentina
7—**ELY YARES**, Philippines
8—**EDDIE GARCIA**, Downey, Calif.
9—**LARRY HARDING**, Los Angeles, Cal.
10—**EDDIE PERKINS**, Chicago, Ill.

JOE FRAZIER FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

THERE was no question of who would receive The Ring's Fighter of the Month accolade after Joe Frazier's stopping of Jimmy Ellis in their long-awaited bout at Madison Square Garden. And, with his clear-cut triumph, Frazier also was named by The Ring as heavyweight champion of the world as recognition of Cassius Clay as world titleholder was withdrawn by this publication.

Frazier's knockout of Ellis also brought other changes to the heavyweight rankings. Leotis Martin, who rocketed into prominence with his KO of Sonny Liston, is now the No. 1 contender. The others follow in this order: Jimmy Ellis, Mac Foster, Oscar Bonavena, Liston, Jerry Quarry, George Chuvalo, Al Jones, Henry Cooper and Jose Manuel Ibar Urtain, the Spanish sensation, who has racked up 26 KOs in 26 starts.

Among the light heavies, where Bob Foster holds supreme, Vicente Rondon and Andy Kendall each move up a notch to six and seven, respectively. Piero Del Papa, who captured the European light heavy title by virtue of his triumph over Yvan Prebeg, moves into the No. 8 slot. Prebeg fell to ninth position.

There was quite a shakeup in the middleweight rankings as Luis Rodriguez moved into the No. 2 notch, followed by Emile Griffith, Freddie Little, who was dropped from No. 2, Juan Carlos Duran, Tom Bogs, dropped from No. 4, Don Fullmer, Fraser Scott, Doyle Baird and Carlos Monzon. Denny Moyer remains No. 1.

Welterweight king Jose Napoles' 15-round halting of Ernie (Indian Red) Lopez moved the latter down a peg to No. 3, his place being taken by Rodrigo Valdez of Colombia, up from No. 5. Behind Valdez and Lopez are Percy Pugh, Johann Orsolics, Hedgemon Lewis, Billy Backus, Raul Rodriguez, Donato Paduano and Raul Soriano, the Mexican, who returns to the Top Ten.

Several changes occurred among the junior welterweights. Jimmy Robertson jumped from fifth to third, with Joao Henrique and Turk Kamaci each dropping a notch. Ely Yares, who was 10th, moves up to No. 7, followed by Eddie Garcia, Larry Harding and Eddie Perkins, former junior welter titleholder.

The first half of the lightweight ratings remains static. The bottom half saw Raul Montoya move up to No. 6 from 10h, Miguel Velasquez, new European lightweight king after defeating Ken Buchanan for the vacant crown, was placed seventh, Buchanan demoted to eighth, Hector Pace, the Argentine, inserted into No. 9 and Arturo Lomeli dropped from seventh to tenth. Carlos Aro, Argentina, and Chango Carmona, Mexico, were dropped from the Top Ten.

Hiroshi Kobayashi, champion of the junior lightweights still has Ruben Navarro as his No. 1 contender, now followed by Antonio Amaya, Alton Colter, Silvero Ortiz, Rene Barrientos, Jose Acosta, Ray Echavarria, Frankie Crawford, back in the ratings, Alfredo Marcano and Jose Smecca. Yoshiaki Numata, the Japanese, was dropped. *(Continued on page 36)*

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING MARCH 15, 1970

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
MANDO RAMOS, Long Beach, Calif.
1—**PEDRO CARRASCO**, Spain
2—**ISMAEL LAGUNA**, Panama
3—**JAGUAR KAKIZAWA**, Japan
4—**CARLOS HERNANDEZ**, Venezuela
5—**SUGAR RAMOS**, Mexico
6—**RAUL MONTOYA**, Mexico
7—**MIGUEL VELAZQUEZ**, Spain
8—**KEN BUCHANAN**, Scotland
9—**HECTOR PACE**, Argentina
10—**ARTURO LOMELI**, Mexico

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
HIROSHI KOBAYASHI, Japan
1—**RUBEN NAVARRO**, Los Angeles, Cal.
2—**ANTONIO AMAYA**, Panama
3—**ALTON COLTER**, Phoenix, Ariz.
4—**SILVERO ORTIZ**, Mexico
5—**RENE BARRIENTOS**, Philippines
6—**JOSE ACOSTA**, Venezuela
7—**RAY ECHAVARRIA**, San Jose, Cal.
8—**FRANKIE CRAWFORD**, Los Angeles, Cal.
9—**ALFREDO MARCANO**, Venezuela
10—**JOSE SMECCA**, Argentina

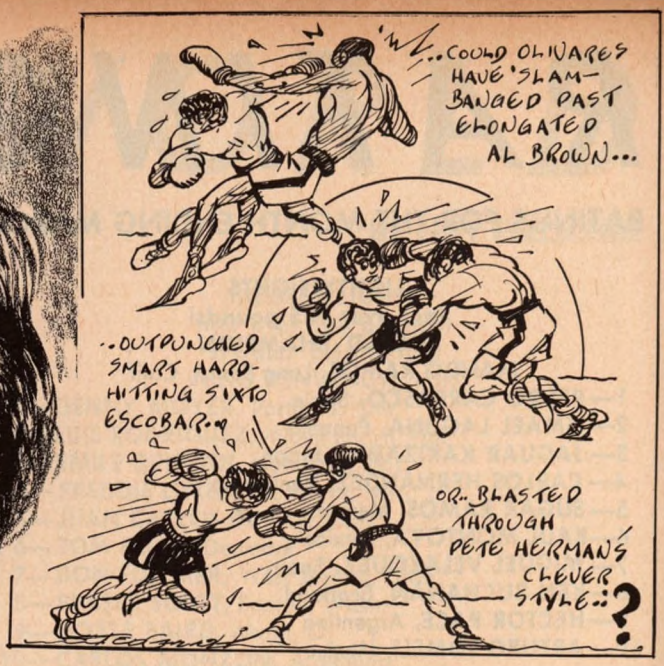
FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOHNNY FAMECHON, Australia
1—**SHOZO SAIJYO**, Japan
2—**ANTONIO GOMEZ**, Venezuela
3—**VICENTE SALDIVAR**, Mexico
4—**KUNIAKI SHIBATA**, Japan
5—**CRUZ MARCANO**, Venezuela
6—**JIMMY REVIE**, England
7—**FERNANDO SOTELO**, Mexico
8—**HIROSHI SHOJI**, Japan
9—**JOSE LEGRA**, Spain
10—**EDER JOFRE**, Brazil

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
RUBEN OLIVARES, Mexico
1—**TAKAO SAKURAI**, Japan
2—**CHUCHO CASTILLO**, Mexico
3—**RAUL CRUZ**, Mexico
4—**KAZUYOSHI KANAZAWA**, Japan
5—**ALAN RUDKIN**, England
6—**JULIO GUERRERO**, Mexico
7—**JOHNNY CLARK**, England
8—**KATSUYOSHI TAKAYAMA**, Japan
9—**WALTER McGOWAN**, Scotland
10—**MARIO MANRIQUE**, Mexico

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ALACRAN EFREN TORRES, Mexico
1—**BERKRERK CHARTVANCHAI**, Thailand
2—**FERMIN GOMEZ**, Mexico
3—**BERNABE VILLACAMPO**, Philippines
4—**SUSUMU HANAGATA**, Japan
5—**OCTAVIO GOMEZ**, Mexico
6—**CHARTCHAI CHIONOI**, Thailand
7—**LORENZO GUTIERREZ**, Mexico
8—**BETULIO GONZALEZ**, Venezuela
9—**JOHNNY McCLUSKEY**, Scotland
10—**MASAO OHBA**, Japan

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

Names	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Steve Jones Columbus, Ohio	4/69	6	6	0	0	6
LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT						
Bob Covino Boston, Mass.	1/69	7	6	0	1	4
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Hank Pelow Buffalo, N.Y.	8/69	6	6	0	0	4
WELTERWEIGHT						
Nate Robinson Los Angeles, Calif.	10/68	10	8	2	0	3
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Young Woodell Barbados, W.I.	1/68	20	14	1	5	0
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Estaban DeJesus Puerto Rico	7/69	6	6	0	0	5
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Esteban Ortiz Puerto Rico	9/69	4	3	0	1	0
FLYWEIGHT						
Ricardo Delgado Mexico	7/69	3	2	0	1	2



Is Incredible Olivares Best Bantam of All?

By TED CARROLL

WHEN men walk upon the Moon and the 1000-1 shot baseball Mets sweep all before them, the Age of Incredibility has come upon us. Therefore, the ring record of Mexico's world bantamweight champion Ruben Olivares is no figment of fantasy but in tune with the times we live in. Let not the most fanciful flights of imagination be dismissed as delirium when a boxer and, a little one at that, owns up to a story of 52 knockouts in 54 fights—28 of them in succession!

"Seeing is believing" is an old saw few dispute, and there it is in black and white for all to audit. Consider 1969, when Olivares went to the post nine times with these results:

Kazuoshi Kanazawa was flattened in two; Jose Bisbal lasted three; Carlos Zayas survived until the seventh; Ernie Cruz hung on until the ninth; the bell tolled for Frank Adams in three; Nena June couldn't get by the first; the fifth round saw the end of former world champion Lionel Rose and Shigeyoshi Ohki was counted out in three. 1970 has started out the same way for the thunder-fisted little Mexican with veteran British Empire champion Alan Rudkin floored three times before being halted in the second stanza.

Olivares has never appeared in the eastern part of the United States and this section of the country is beginning to wonder if he is a mere human or some kind of sawed-off-superman. Garden officials insist they are as anxious as anyone else to put this tiny dynamiter on display in their big arena but with whom? The opposition would have to be imported from some far away place for the New York vicinity is as barren of foes for a fighter like Olivares as it is of palm trees and desert sands.

It was not always thus. There was a time, long ago, when a rival for even so formidable a champion as Olivares could have been dredged out of any one of the teeming neighborhoods of New York City. Such local heroes of times gone by as Abe Goldstein, Midget Smith, Little Jack Sharkey, Joe Lynch, Charley Phil Rosenberg, Cannonball Eddie Martin, Joe Ryder, Pete Sanstol, Frankie Jerome, Vic Burrone, Dominick Petrone, Frankie Genaro, Harry Gordon, Archie Bell, Phil Franchini, Danny Lee, Willie Spencer and Lou Salica would have qualified as worthy foes for the south-of-the-border slugger.

All these were active in the Twenties and Thirties, the decades when American little fellows reigned supreme in the ring.

Small U.S. boxers, like American jockeys, are a vanishing species fattened into extinction by the American menu. In the old days, Americans of Italian extraction formed the majority of those who kept Uncle Sam in the forefront in the smaller classes. Frankie Genaro and Fidel LaBarba, both Olympic and world champions, were typical.

OUTSTANDING AMONG PAST U.S. ACES...

FOR MANY YEARS UNCLE SAM'S BANTAMS WERE "COCK-O-THE-WALK"..!

Lou Salica, later a world bantamweight champion, might have duplicated the feat of these two but for one of those mystifying Olympic decisions in the 1932 Games in Los Angeles.

Pound for pound and inch for inch, there has never been a more redoubtable fighting man than an old line Italian-American bantamweight. All cast in the same mould, they could trade punches toe-to-toe or box with finesse. They were rugged and durable. Uniformly successful, if beaten they went down with colors flying. From 1910 to 1930, they came close to dominating the smaller divisions. Former champion Pete Herman, a great ring technician, is given the call by old-timers as the best of all the little 'paisanos.' Of the non-champions, Little Jack Sharkey was probably the classiest. Besides being a most exciting performer, he could do it all. But Little Jack preferred the Broadway bright lights to the rigors of training routine.

Today, these mighty mites have grandsons more than six feet tall who weigh over 200 lbs., living evidence of the evolutionary effects of affluence.

While there was a concentration of good little guys around New York, Olivares, were he active back in the Twenties and Thirties, could have made the entire country his theatre of operations with weekly appearances. He could have completed a circuit of contests beginning with California Joe Lynch or Fidel LaBarba in Los Angeles; tackling Earl Puryear in Omaha; tough Eddie Shea, Harold Smith, or Earl Mastro in Chicago. Another toughie, Johnny Farr, and hard hitting Carl Tremaine would be waiting for him in Cleveland; capable Bud Taylor would be on the list for Indianapolis; in Memphis, he could try to catch up with Memphis Pal Moore; move down to New Orleans for Amos Kid Carlin. Emil Paluso would be available in Salt Lake City; Pete Zivic would be on hand in Pittsburgh; Philadelphia would have Mickey Russell waiting; then up to Buffalo for dancing Bushy Graham. Chick Suggs would have presented problems in Boston and so would cagy Andy Martin; tough nut Terry Martin would be the Providence opposition, along with Young Montreal.

BUT THOSE DAYS ARE LONG GONE...

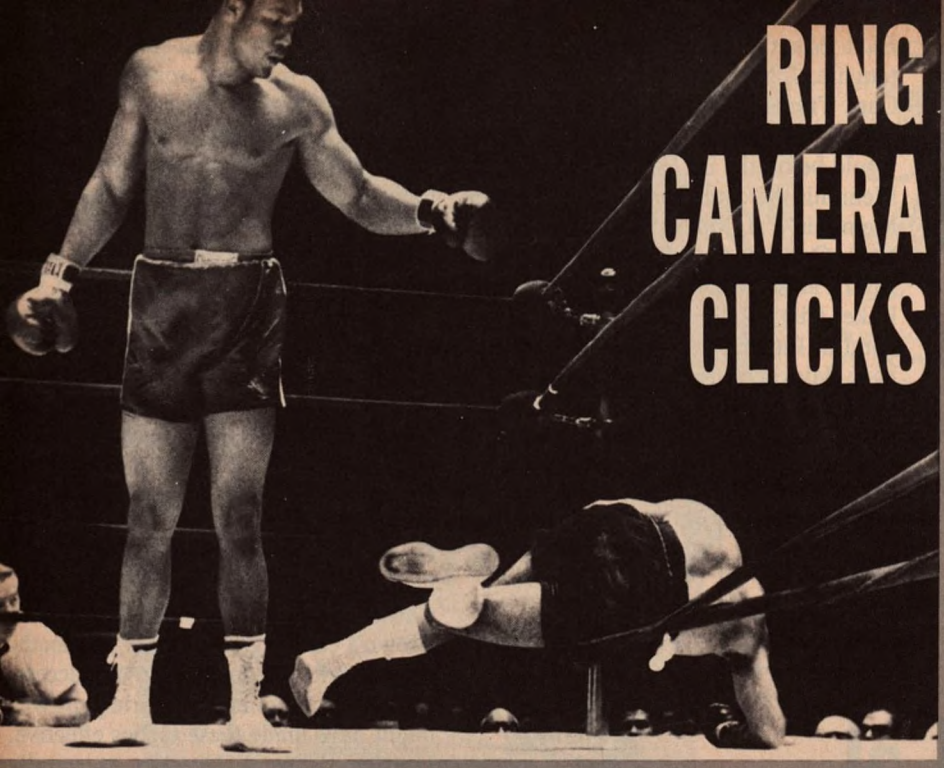
Irish Johnny Curtin or Johnny Buff would be ready for him in Newark or Jersey City. The New Yorkers could have kept him busy for months. On the way back to the coast, Roy Moore would be on tap in Minneapolis and the tough Filipino, Pete Sarmiento, would be available anywhere.

Many who have seen him call Olivares the greatest bantamweight of all time. His most recent victim, Rudkin, is among them. An itinerary like the above would have tested the validity of this claim. Too bad that such things are beyond the realm of reality but it is fascinating to speculate how the greats of one period would have fared with the formidables of other times, though nothing can ever be determined and one man's guess is as good as another's. One of the most difficult bantam champions of all time to defeat was the late Al Brown, due largely to his extreme height—5 feet, 10 inches—his solid punch and superb boxing technique. Brown knew how to use his height and reach to the greatest advantage. If tagged, he was not collapsible as some outsized boxers are. In such a pair-up, Olivares would have had to nullify Brown's great reach as best he could by moving in and firing away at his long-waisted foe's body. Virtually all of Brown's challengers adopted this method but with singular lack of success. Olivares' unusual punching power might have made these tactics effective. Graybeards recall Herman as equally adept in all phases of fighting, a well rounded warrior without a real weakness. Olivares would have had an edge in punching ability but Herman, the old boys tell us, wasn't bad at that when in the mood. Baltimore's Kid Williams is another champion of long ago whose credentials, as related by the old-timers, would rate him as a tough proposition for the current titleholder. Described as a miniature Joe Frazier in action, one thing is certain, the Kid's high octane offense would have blended with Olivares' power punching in a furious struggle. *(Continued on page 42)*

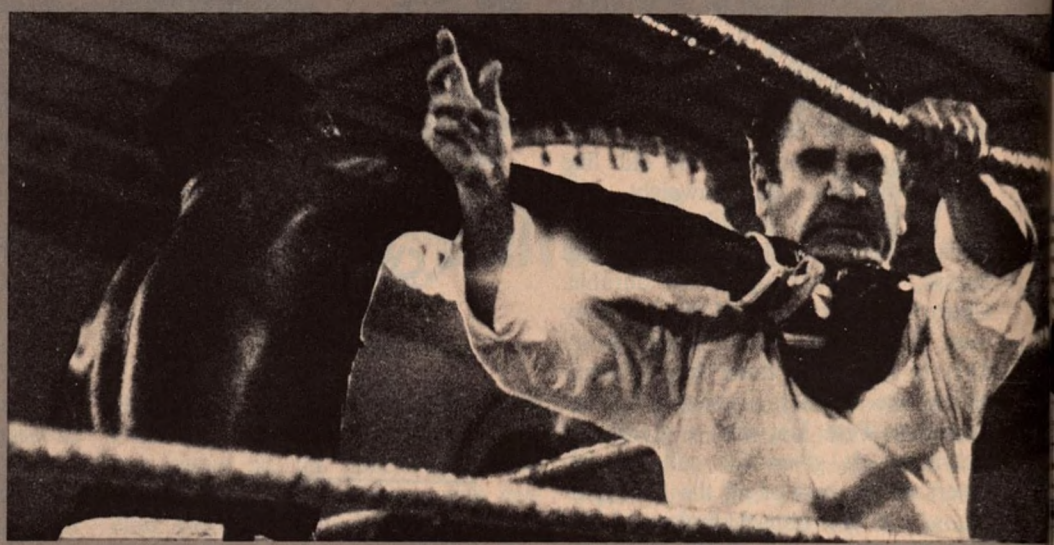
TED CARROLL

"AS "LITTLE STATESIDERS" DISAPPEAR FROM THE SCENE..."!

RING CAMERA CLICKS

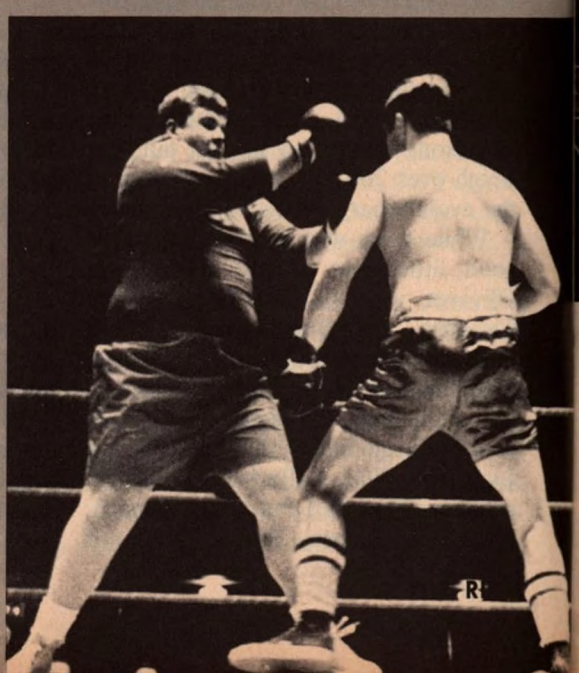


Olympic heavyweight champion George Foreman watches as Jack O'Halloran tumbles through the Madison Square Garden ropes in the fourth round of their contest. O'Halloran managed to rise but was finally stopped in the fifth round.



Referee Sammy Luftspring is clouted on the jaw by Humberto Trottman, Panamanian welterweight, prior to the start of the sixth round of his bout with Canadian Clyde Gray at Toronto. Trottman was immediately disqualified, then later indefinitely suspended by the WBA for his actions.

(Left) A pair of old fishermen get together in Boston as Ted Williams, pilot of the Senators and the A. L. Manager of the Year, laughs at a remark by ex-heavyweight king Jack Sharkey, at the New England Sportsmen and Camping Show. (Right) John Cookman, 323-lbs. from Kenmore, N.Y. jolts Bob Giles of Brantford, Ont. with a right to the head in the first round of their amateur bout at Buffalo. The big fellow wilted, however, and lost by TKO at 1:30 of the opening session.



Jimmy Durante's claim that "everybody's trying to get into the act," was confirmed during Schnozzola's visit to Palumbo's night club in Philadelphia when he was joined in a musical rendition by (l. to r.) Bob London, club m.c. and TV personality; Tony Morgano, president of N.V.B.A. Ring 1, and Captain Clarence J. Ferguson of the Philadelphia Investigation Squad. Durante was made a Golden Glove member of the Philadelphia Ring.

Two-Ton Tony Galento, now 59-years-old but still able to pack a mean wallop, "connects" with a good right to the jaw of his son, Tony Jr., an Orange, N. J. policeman. Tony fought Joe Louis for the heavyweight title way back in 1939.

Ace New York Mets' pitcher Tom Seaver whispers something to heavyweight Mac Foster during a free moment at a Hot Stove League Dinner in Fresno, Calif. Both are from that California city.

Ken Norton's power is on display here as he knocks out Grady Brazell with a devastating right.

KEN NORTON TOSSES HAT IN THE RING

By JOHN GREENSMITH

Photos By The Author

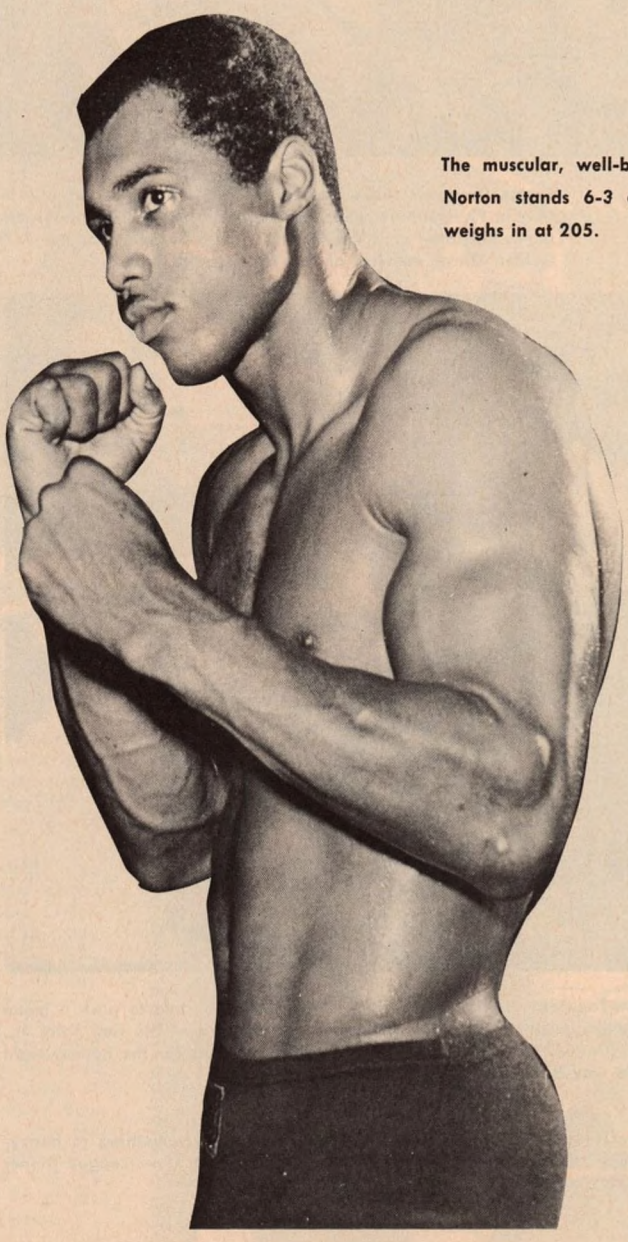
IT'S hard to fault an undefeated record and yet San Diego heavyweight Ken Norton isn't happy at this point of his young professional career.

"Don't misunderstand me," Norton states, "I have no complaints with my manager (Art Rivkin) or my trainer (Eddie Futch) but I would like to be further along than I am in my career at this stage and I just hope during 1970 some of the fights I've been wanting will come my way."

A member of the fight-for-pay organization since late 1967, Norton has won 11 of his 12 victories by knockout and indications point to bigger and better things for the muscular former Marine.

Asked for a reaction to Norton's somewhat confusing statement to The Ring's interviewer, Futch said in Los Angeles, "I understand what Ken is saying. He's 25 years old and has worked real hard as a professional and is undefeated. But he has yet to have a big pay day and isn't ranked. He's just anxious to get to the top and from what I've seen in recent fights he's ready to make his move against the best."

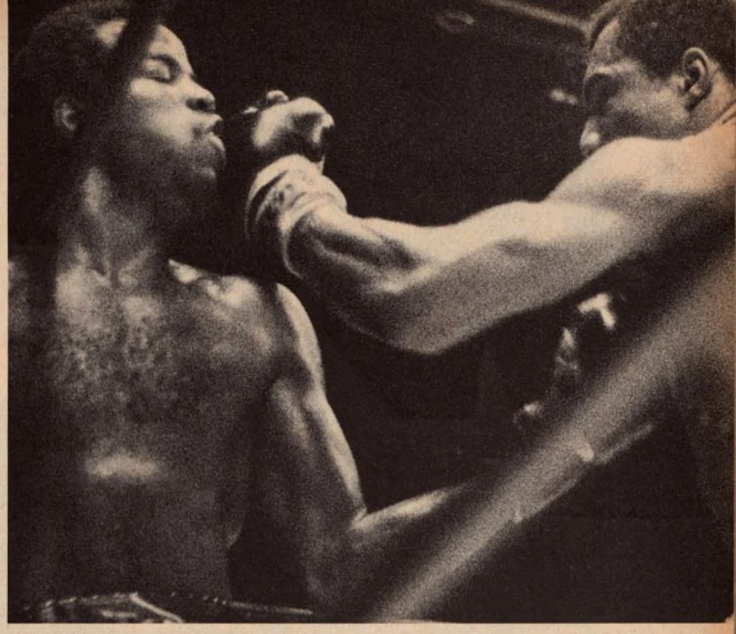
Talking further about his fighter's future, the veteran handler pointed out it has been difficult in recent months to obtain fights for Norton. "Look at it this way. Boxers like



The muscular, well-built Norton stands 6-3 and weighs in at 205.

Trainer Eddie Futch (left) smiles as Norton says something to sharply-attired Joe Frazier. You never know, maybe Ken and Joe will meet in the ring some day.

That Norton can take a punch is shown here as he absorbs a long left from Jim Gilmore. Norton kayoed his foe.



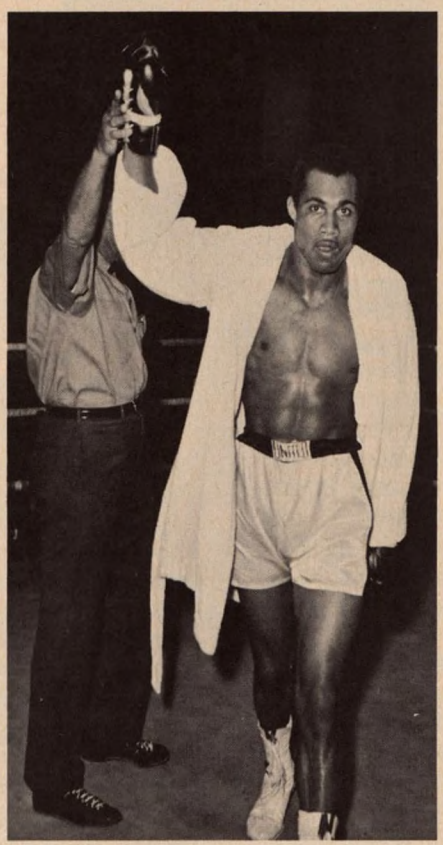
Here is Norton landing the tremendous left that ended his bout with Wayne Kindred in San Diego.

Tony Doyle, Scrap Iron Johnson, George Foreman, Jack O'Halloran or Manuel Ramos are fighters we would like to have Norton meet at this stage of his career, but they have little to gain by beating Ken and a lot to lose if he wins. So their managers come up with excuses when we approach them for a fight or price themselves out of the market."

Futch continued: "We may take Norton back East to get bouts for exposure in that area and to obtain opponents since it is becoming increasingly tough to get matches for him on the coast. The promoters at both the Olympic Auditorium and the Beverly Hilton (Don Chargin and Laurie Lewis) are interested in having Norton fight on their Los Angeles cards, so hopefully we will be active early in 1970. Should we get three or four good wins, then I think the promoters and the fans can pressure some of the reluctant fighters to come out of their shells and face Ken."

If Norton's unbeaten record isn't enough to make most boxers think twice before climbing into the ring with him, a look at his physical attributes is the clincher. Standing 6 feet 3 inches, he has 205 pounds of solid muscle spread in an awesome fashion over his slim, trim frame. It is doubtful any fighter of any division in boxing can match Norton's impressive physical credentials.

But a muscular physique isn't all Norton has going for him. He has a fine trainer in Futch and a patient manager in Rivkin. They have combined talents to bring him along at a safe and sure pace and have never been willing to push their young talent too fast or too far. Norton has progressed well under their care.



A familiar sight to San Diego fans is that of Ken Norton's hand being raised in victory. Ken is undefeated thus far in his pro career.

"Ken is looking good in his workouts," Futch says. "He's punching sharper than I have ever seen him and has learned to pace himself in the ring. In recent fights I have been very pleased to see he is controlling the bout and letting his opponent know who is in charge."

It was not always so with Norton. Early in his career he would go after his opponent with a vengeance and often find himself wide open and tiring if he failed to knock his man out early. He had little or no left jab and seemed unable to control the fight over an extended period of time. But his excellent condition and strength carried him past his first six or seven opponents with but a few anxious moments.

Late in 1967 at San Diego's Civic Concourse, Norton fought his first professional fight and knocked out that year's Golden Gloves champ, Grady Brazell. A six-round decision over veteran Sammy Wyatt followed with Norton getting a boxing lesson in the late rounds from the only fighter to go the distance against the former Marine.

The only boxer to put Norton on the deck is Harold Dutra and their fight in Sacramento was a crowd pleaser. Late in the second round, Dutra caught big Ken with a solid right and for the first time in his career Norton found himself on the canvas. But he didn't stay there long and came roaring back to deck Dutra later in the round and put him away for good in the third stanza.

A seventh round knockout over a blubbery but dangerous Jimmy Gilmore followed in San Diego and then came one of the most vicious fights ever seen in the coastal city as Norton met Wayne Kindred at Circle Arts Theater.

Five frantic rounds went by with little in the way of finesse being exhibited by either fighter but the action was enough to have the fans in a constant uproar as the two heavyweights forgot all their managers implored and elected to slug it out in street fighting fashion. In the sixth round Norton's strength and condition paid off as he sent Kindred through the ropes with a right hook and left to the jaw to record his fourth knockout.

Other fights and more wins by the

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CONTROVERSIAL ABE ATTELL DEAD AT 85; HELD FEATHER TITLE 12 YEARS

By JERSEY JONES

Here is a photo of Attell, taken not too many years ago, in one of the taverns he operated in New York. Abe passed away six days short of his 86th birthday.

THE "Little Champ," as he liked to be called, has departed our midst.

One of boxing's all-time greats, Abe Attell was only six days short of his 86th natal anniversary when he was counted out at a nursing home near New Paltz in the Catskill Mountains of Central New York.

A controversial figure, both in and out of the ring, Attell, a native of San Francisco, boasted the longest tenure as world champion the featherweight division has known. His reign spanned nearly 12 years.

Attell was a product of that section of San Francisco known as "South of the Slot" (the "Slot" being the cable line trolley on Powell Street), where top-rated ringsters flourished during the late '90s and early years of the current century.

A kid had to learn how to handle his fists if he expected to survive in that tough neighborhood, and Abe learned early. His success in street brawls prompted him to try his luck in the ring and its financial inducements. He began his career in the amateur clubs that abounded in San Francisco in that era. "Amateur" boxing was a profitable venture and Abe learned that the medals he received could be quickly converted into cash by the promoters. The average winning medal was worth $15.

As can be seen, the 20-round draw between Attell (right) and Harlem Tommy Murphy, fought at San Francisco, August 3, 1912, was one of the goriest bouts in ring annals.

Attell was not yet 17, measuring 5 feet, 4 inches in altitude, and weighing only 97 pounds, when he officially turned professional in 1900, with "Bad Jack" McKenna as his manager.

Abe did all his early fighting in and around San Francisco, and compiled a remarkable punching record of 16 knockouts in his first 18 outings. The only opponents he failed to halt were a local rival, Eddie Hanlon, and a Jockey Bozeman.

Early in 1901, Attell and manager McKenna decided to spread their activities and headed for Denver, which also was a hot spot for fisticuffing.

The change in scenery and the high altitude of the Colorado metropolis did not bother Attell, who proceeded to pick up where he had left off in San Francisco. In Denver rings he ran off nine straight wins (7 by KO) before he was held to a 10-round draw by former champion George Dixon.

It was about then that a dispute over the world title followed Young Corbett's startling knockout of Terry McGovern in Hartford, Conn. The featherweight limit at the time was 122 pounds, but the Hartford bout was fought at 126, and many boxing authorities refused to recognize Corbett's victory as for the title.

An opportunist, manager McKenna promptly rematched Attell with Dixon, this time in Cripple Creek, Colorado, and had it advertised as for the "vacant" championship. The bout went its prescribed 20 rounds, with the result another draw.

Attell often credited his two meetings with Dixon with convincing him there were other factors in ring combat than punching power. "I learned plenty about boxing," Abe would say.

"Dixon was beyond his prime, but he was still a cagey, experienced campaigner, and loaded with boxing technique. In those two bouts I learned how to feint, shift, counter punch and tie up an opponent in the clinches. What I learned from Dixon I used against him when we met for the third time. It was in St. Louis, and I won the decision and the title in 15 rounds." That was in October, 1901.

An industrious champion, Attell covered the entire United States, accommodating anyone and everyone looking for a crack at his laurels. At times, however, his performances were erratic, and occasional unexpected defeats prompted eyebrow lifting by authorities.

Almost invariably, when Attell lost, he reversed the results in return matches.

Successful defenses of the featherweight title were recorded against Kid Goodman in Boston, Jimmy Walsh in Chelsea, Mass., and Los Angeles; Frankie Neil and Freddie Weeks in Los Angeles.

Attell's toughest problems were with visiting Britishers. He could never, in five outings, establish superiority over Owen Moran in two title meetings and three no-decision clashes. For the championship, they hooked up twice in San Francisco. The first bout, over 20 rounds, resulted in a draw. The second setto was a compromise on the distance. Attell again wanted 20 rounds; Moran argued for 25. The compromise was on 23 rounds, and again they fought to a stalemate. Their no-decision clashes were 10-rounders in New York and Los Angeles, and over six sessions in Philadelphia, with little, if anything, to choose between them at any time.

Attell's 10-rounder with the Welsh wizard, Jem Driscoll, at the old National A. C. in New York is regarded by veteran authorities as one of the ring's classics. Although it was a no-decision affair, Driscoll was generally credited with having the better of the brilliant boxing duel. There was a demand for a championship bout between them, but it never materialized.

When featherweight opposition became scarce, Attell went gunning for the lightweight laurels. Not yet champion Battling Nelson accommodated him in a 15-rounder in San Francisco. The verdict was a draw, but Attell insisted he had won, and when Nelson later acquired the championship from Joe Gans, Abe was one of the first to challenge him.

By way of forcing the issue with Nelson, Attell decided to take on Freddie Welsh, who also was campaigning for a title match.

The bout was arranged for Vernon, Cal., then a suburb, now a part of Los Angeles, and Attell, thoroughly beaten by the visiting Briton in 15 rounds, returned to the featherweight division.

In an elimination tournament promoted by Uncle Tom McCarey in Vernon to produce an opponent for Attell in a championship bout, Johnny Kilbane of Cleveland was the winner, and he faced Abe on February 22, 1912. By one of those strange quirks of a whimsical god of ring destiny, it was Attell's birthday—he was 28—and he lost the championship on a 20-round decision.

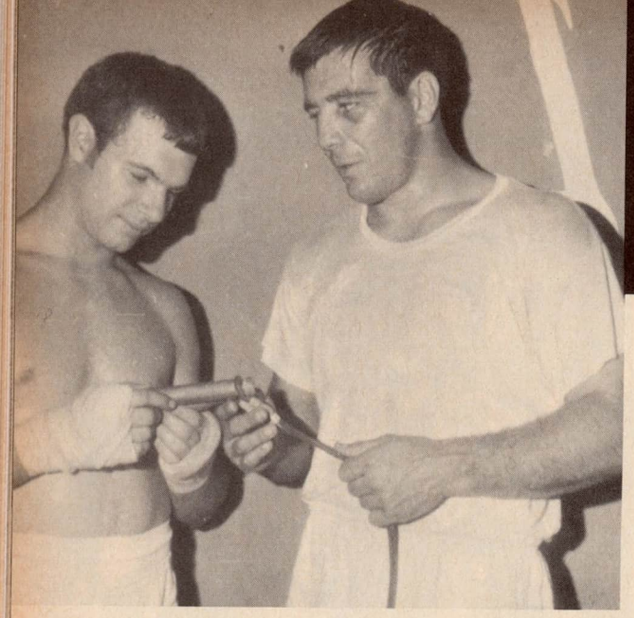
Attell continued ring operations for another two years, but called it quits when Phil Virgets stopped him in New Orleans early in 1914.

When he finally hung up the mittens, Abe's ring record embraced 168 bouts, of which he had lost only 10.

Incidentally, Attell's success in the ring prompted two brothers, Caesar and Monte, to try their luck in the profession, and both became headliners, although neither succeeded in annexing a world championship.

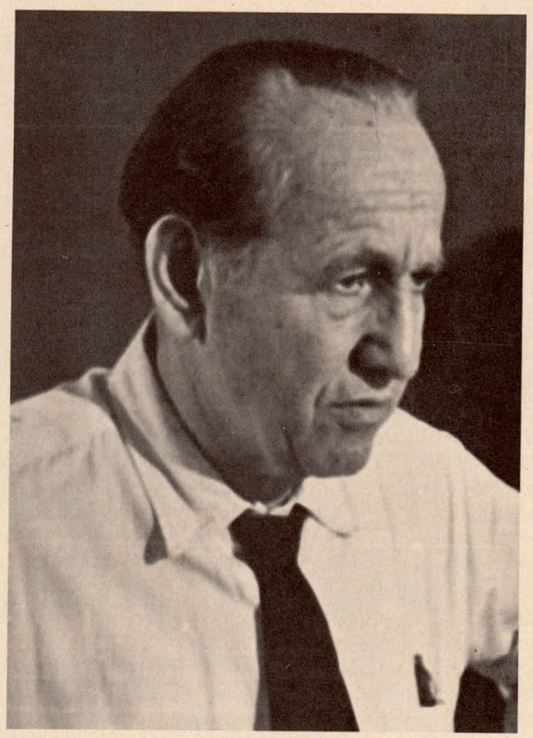
Abe probably switched to more managers than any champion the ring has known. Following his original handler, Jack McKenna, Attell teamed successively with Tim McGrath, Zeke Abrams, Ike Bloom, Lob Kohn, Billy *(Continued on page 34)*

(Above) Johnny Kilbane and his handlers are in ecstacy as Attell comes across the ring to congratulate the man who captured the featherweight title from him in 20 rounds on February 22, 1912, which also happened to be Abe's 28th birthday, and, of course, an unhappy one. (Below) Attell (left) and Murphy at close quarters during their first meeting. This occurred on March 9, 1912, in 'Frisco. Like the rematch, this one went 20 rounds, with Harlem Tommy being awarded the verdict.



Young middleweight Bobby Phillips and trainer Jerry Tomasetti, a former heavyweight who also fought out of Scranton, examine an article of training equipment.

Scranton As "Good Maintains Rep Fight Center"



Lippe Breidbart manages Phillips, middleweight Walter Opshinsky and welter Severo Kid Balboa. Lippe has been piloting boxers since 1930. His most famous charge was heavyweight Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson.

(Left) Bobby Phillips has been described as a miniature Joe Frazier. According to Manager Breidbart, Bobby is only a few fights away from meeting top-ranked 160-pounders. (Above) Severo Kid Balboa, a Texas product, was spotted by Breidbart in a Corpus Christi gym. He may soon become another Scranton favorite.

CURRENT FAVORITES RECALL GOLDEN DAYS OF GEORGE CHIP, PETE LATZO AND BILLY SOOSE

By EDDIE COOL

SCRANTON, Pa. — This old showcase for boxing stars, including locals George Chip, Pete Latzo and Billy Soose, for over five decades, is regaining its reputation as a "good fight center."

Scranton is swinging again. The comeback opened at the Scranton Catholic Youth Center in October 1967, when Pete Sensi presented a card featuring heavyweight Jerry Tomasetti and Lou Hicks. He followed with four more successful cards, all featuring Tomasetti, then quit promoting to devote his time to other interests.

The promotional reins were taken over by Paul Ruddy, who spearheads the Arena Boxing Club, and Snap Nagelberg and Nick Campriello, who head the rival All Star Boxing Club. Between them, they have presented two years of lively programs with Lou Hicks, Tommy Hicks, Ismael Laguna, Danny Perez, Gabe La Marca, Bobby O'Brien, Chuck Wepner, Mert Brownfield, Irish Pat Murphy, Frank De Paula, TNT Carroll, Stanford Bulla, Emperor Harris, Tony Gagliardo, Irish Bob Cassidy, Johnny Gillio and George Foreman.

Some of the locals who have provided action at the CYC are Jerry Tomasetti, Bill Padavone, Tommy Sheehan, Richie Sudol, Bob Bailey, Bobby Phillips, Walter Opshinsky, Tommy Della Rocca, Rocky Halliday, Jimmy Cherico, Paul Simonetti, Tony Berrios, Tommy "Googie" Davis, Jerry Schalk, Richie McAndrews and Jimmy Donley.

The promoters have been moderately successful. They've been plagued with competition from day and night racing at Pocono Downs. Parking facilities are limited, and bus connections between Scranton and satellite towns are poor, and in some cases, non-existent. Meeting the $4,000 nut for a typical fight night is tough.

There is talk of re-activating Wilkes-Barre, another fistic center that hosted everybody from Jack Johnson to Sugar Ray Robinson. Televised shows are in the offing. Soon there will be talk about staging outdoor shows in Municipal Stadium and Pocono Downs.

Paul Ruddy, former NBA basketball official, is an all-around sports fan. His operations are in the black, but the profit is modest. He says, "There is never a dull moment in the promoting racket.

"I line up a nice card, then learn that the CYC people chose that time to resurface the gym floor. Or I clinch a good match and three days before the fight, the manager of one of the boys calls up at 3 a.m. and asks how come I give him such a tough opponent. Maybe it's this type of 'fun' that keeps me in action.

"Anyway, I do the best I can with a limited budget. I have big things for the future. I think I've done pretty well so far in bringing in De Paula, Cassidy and Hicks. I paid out the biggest purse so far—$5,000, to Tomasetti for his return fight with Dante Cane."

Ruddy stimulates interest in another way. He sponsors bus trips to New York on outstanding fight nights. The first such carried a hometown contingent to see Tomasetti-Cane at the old Garden. The most recent excursion was to the Quarry-Chuvalo fight, for which the riders paid $35 apiece.

Here is how the weatherman can mess up an interesting fight card. Snap Nagelberg recently obtained the services of George Foreman and matched him with Pedro Sanchez. Sanchez was kayoed by Getulio Bueno in San Juan a few days before, so he was scratched. Snap then got Leo Peterson.

The initial sales spurt was good. But then came threats of nasty weather. On the day of the fight, a drenching rain with radio reports of traffic tie-ups kept the crowd down to one third of the expected turnout. The result was a loss. Snap was fortunate, at least, from points of prestige and publicity. The undercard was a humdinger.

Peterson had the audacity to throw punches at Foreman before he got clobbered in the fourth round.

The promoters are fortunate in having a fine hall like the CYC in which to operate. Conveniently located near midtown, the compactly constructed arena has limited ringside sections and overhanging balconies, making every seat in the house a good one. The facilities, from lunch counter to dressing rooms, are modernistic.

One battle in particular merits special mention. This was the torrid ten-rounder between middleweights Bobby Phillips, Scranton, and Johnny Gillio, of Hoboken, in July, 1969. It was the most exciting slugfest waged there in two years.

Rocky Halliday, the original *(Continued on page 36)*

LATIN 135's PROMINENT IN YANKEE RINGS

By FRED EISENSTADT

Hector Matta (above) is a stylish lightweight from Puerto Rico. (Right) Cresencio "Cyclone" Fernandez, 135-pounder from the Dominican Republic, is a southpaw and a good counter puncher.

IT may be that the Latin contingent in boxing will not again develop a formidable heavyweight like Luis Angel Firpo, who knocked Jack Dempsey out of the Polo Grounds ring, or the Basque, Paulino Uzcudun, who was as tough as anybody who ever appeared in an American ring.

Perhaps, in time, Spain will send over Urtain, the woodchopper Basque, who soon may be fighting better than setups.

In the meantime, the Latins are producing good fighters in the lightweight division, among them Crescencio "Cyclone" Fernandez, Dominican southpaw, and Hector Matta, a newcomer from Puerto Rico.

A rather ironic oddity brought Fernandez a fair degree of prominence in his two New York showings. Last July, the southpaw battled Bobby Hughes in eight rounds in New York. Though the local put up a good fight, he was outclassed and hit the canvas.

After Fernandez gained a unanimous decision, Bobby's identical twin brother Albert—also a lightweight—challenged Chris, desiring to avenge his brother's loss. Ernesto Salgado, manager of Fernandez, was agreeable. So matchmaker-promoter Al Joyner made the match.

In three weeks Albert Hughes faced Fernandez. The would-be avenger put up an aggressive and courageous battle, but the Dominican proved himself too smart and agile, a quick counterpuncher, for Al to cope with. Chris battered him badly in the seventh, gaining a TKO victory.

That Cresencio is an able ringman was proved early this year in Alexandria, Va., when he battled Herbie Lee in an eight-round bout. Lee won by a single point.

Fernandez has seven unwed brothers and four married sisters. He was born in Santiago, Dominican Republic, on September 12, 1943. His widowed mother, Josefa, sells cuchifritos (chitlings, to you).

"I had scant education," said Chris in Spanish. He speaks no English. "Left school to work at odd jobs for a time, then became a clothing salesman. At age 14 I took up boxing, taught by Pedrito Cruz. As an amateur feather I won 36, lost two and boxed two draws."

At age 20 he left home. Boxed in Puerto Rico for a time, also in Santa Cruz and Aruba. Came here in 1966, left and returned. He has had only four bouts here. He works part time at a Deli-O delivering lunches to nearby office workers in New York.

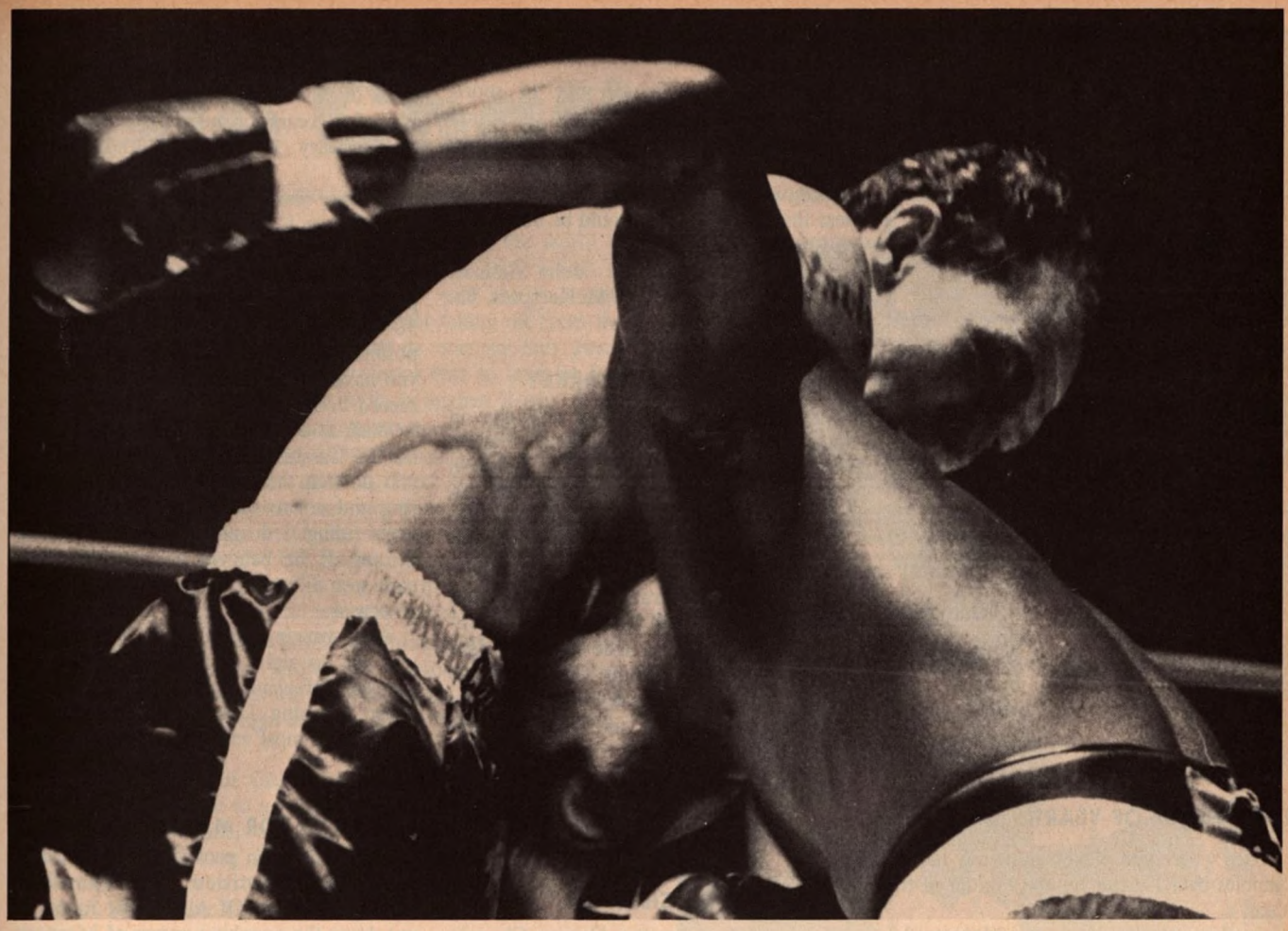
Undefeated in five pro bouts, Matta continues to impress with stylish boxing. For a lad with so little ring experience, Matta shows remarkable confidence facing seasoned boxers.

Hector proved it when he was trading wallops with experienced Mike Cortez, defeating him in six rounds. He outjabbed Mike and belted his face and body with solid rights. Matta outboxed Al Hughes.

"Maybe I inherited the spirit of fighting," Hector said. "In Santurce, Puerto Rico, where I was born, my father was a trainer of fighting cocks. He taught me boxing."

Matta, born on March 17, 1947, is a high school graduate, a member of a large family. At eighteen he entered amateur competition, winning a dozen of 13 contests.

A furniture finisher by trade, Hector married Daisy Alvarez in 1966. They have two children. Cock fighting is Matta's hobby. He works out in Bobby Gleason's Bronx gym, under direction of Charlie Guletta. He began to fight professionally on September 1, 1968 under the management of Mike Pellegrino.



Emile Griffith appears to be caught in Doyle Baird's headlock during the early going of their 10-round contest at Cleveland. Baird appeared to have the edge in the first half of the bout but then Emile took charge and won going away.

GRIFFITH SOCKS IT TO BAIRD

By JOHN ORT

CLEVELAND, Ohio — The aches and pains Emile Griffith usually complains about before a bout obviously disappeared by the time he scored a hard-fought 10-round nod over local middleweight contender Doyle Baird, in what was billed as for the American middleweight title.

A crowd of more than 7,000 came out to root for local hero Baird, paying over $45,000 to witness promotor Don Elbaum's program.

The fans had a lot to yell about in the early rounds. Baird looked the stronger, out-muscling Griffith inside for the first five rounds. Doyle's plan was to keep the pressure on old-man Griffith and continuously bang him to the body. This tactic worked for a while. But in the meantime, Emile was landing hard blows to the body. He staggered Baird with a left to the stomach in the third round.

By the end of the fifth, Baird had the edge in the bout. Then Griffith's experience began to assert itself. He began to move around his taller opponent and stick him with left jabs and fast combinations.

Baird was trying hard, but seemed to run out of gas. Doyle started to lunge and miss with wild rights, while Griffith moved in and out, scoring at will.

In the last three rounds, Doyle, usually a fast finisher, looked virtually helpless as Emile danced around him, peppering him with lefts and rights to the head and body.

There were no knockdowns, but both contestants were cut. Griffith sustained a nick over the left eye in the fourth, revealing later it was caused by a butt. Baird had a nasty cut next to the right eye due to a left hook thrown by Emile, in the fifth. Doyle's eye bled for the rest of the bout, but did not hinder his eyesight.

The crowd appeared to agree with the decision. Emile's domination from the eighth round on clinched the verdict for him. The voting went like this: judge John Christopher, 47-43; judge Tony LaBranche, 46-45; and referee Vito Mazzeo, 49-43, all for Griffith. Although there was no doubt of the outcome, the bout was closer than the cards indicated.

Gil Clancy and Howie Albert, co-managers of Griffith, said after the bout that Emile was in line for another shot at Nino Benvenuti's middleweight title, adding that Emile has never ducked an opponent, and will box anyone who stands between him and another title shot. Griffith said, perhaps in jest, that he may go after Bob Foster's light heavyweight title. Everyone laughed and passed it off, but Griffith shortly afterwards did sign to meet ex-middleweight and light heavyweight king Dick Tiger at Madison Square Garden. They met once before when Griffith beat Dick to win the middleweight title in 1966.

Things were very quiet in Baird's dressing room. Doyle admitted he had been out-boxed and out- *(Continued on page 38)*

PUNCH LINES

THE FIGHTER OF YEAR

I WANT to congratulate The Ring for picking Jose Napoles, the welter champion, as the Fighter of the Year 1969.

I am glad you did not go in cahoots with the boxing writers of New York, who picked Joe Frazier on the basis of his one fight, with Quarry, who was knocked out by Chuvalo.

Keep fighting for the best interests of boxing as a whole. The game needs The Ring the way it never before needed its support.

Harry Briskin
Wilmington, Del.

THE FIGHTER OF YEAR?

I see where you picked some guy named Napoles over Frazier for the Fighter of the Year.

Are you playing up to the Mexicans? I note that you have been running special stories about them.

Frazier's one victory, over Quarry, was more important to boxing than all the five fights Napoles had in 1969, and all the nine Olivares had.

What's done in the heavyweight class sets the pace. Get wise to yourself.

Frank Sullivan
Houston, Tex.

NO LIKE H OF F ELECTION

After seeing the results of the 1969 elections to the Hall of Fame, I believe that something is wrong with the system used. I refer specifically to the moderns and particularly the middleweights.

I see Carmen Basilio is selected for 1969. In past years Marcel Cerdan, Tony Zale and some middleweights of older vintage whom I might not be qualified to dispute were named. Apparently, in the next year or so, Rocky Graziano will be elected. Even Randolph Turpin and Gene Fullmer are mentioned.

Did the experts who do the voting ever hear of Jake La Motta, who battered Cerdan and was dodged by Zale and Graziano? Jake beat Ray Robinson at his best, and I doubt if many of them know much about boxing, or what they are voting for. The who, I am quite sure, would have chased Fullmer and Turpin out of the ring.

Walcott's selection doesn't seem too legitimate either.

Probably too wide a range of sports editors, writers and radio and television commentators are involved in the moderns. fact that some of them voted for those already elected in previous years seems to bear this out. The field should be narrowed, and be more selective.

John Molinari
McKeesport, Pa.

STILL PAGING JACK SHARKEY

On page 32 of The Ring magazine in the February 1970 issue is a letter "Paging Jack Sharkey." I remember a question asked of Jack Dempsey, "Who was the toughest fighter you ever fought?" He answered, "It would have to be Jack Sharkey." Now, the editor has a footnote that he's not cooperative. Sir, have you ever asked him? Jack Sharkey lives in Epping, New Hampshire. I do not know him personally, but some of my close associates do and they say he is a very fine man. How about asking him for an interview? He lives nine miles from my town. Good luck.

Michael J. Dagostino
Exeter, New Hampshire

TO DEFENSE OF CHUVALO

I am tired of hearing George Chuvalo described as a human punching bag. This inaccuracy was never more evident than when George knocked out Jerry Quarry with a clean left hook. Throughout the fight the TV announcer, Don Dunphy, exclaimed with surprise whenever George landed a punch—as if that had never happened to Quarry before.

George's left jabs and punishing hooks to the body—and head—were constantly overlooked in favor of Quarry's flashier and much less frequent blows. In fact, just before Chuvalo landed the left hook that floored Quarry, Dunphy described George as "looking spent." I suppose one could say that he was so "spent" he only had one punch left in him.

This prejudice against George's fighting ability was even more apparent when it was learned that referee Zack Clayton had Quarry in front 4-1-1 although George easily took four of the prior six rounds. But, in this day when body punches apparently don't count in the scoring anymore, what is one to expect?

Chuvalo beat Quarry any way you look at it. He outpunched, outboxed, and outthought his foe. Earlier in the fatal round he had Quarry hurt against the ropes with a savage flurry of punches. That Chuvalo accomplished this feat with a severely injured eye attests even more as to his ringmanship.

Michael J. Ryland
Stockton, Calif.

BACKS UP THE RING

When I purchased the December 1969 issue of The Ring it marked the completion of 37 years for me, having started with the January 1933, issue. They are all bound.

Having started collecting boxing lore when I was 12 years old, I believe I have as good a collection as any. Naturally not as good and as big as yours. Over this period of years I have accumulated over 300 scrapbooks, many books, magazines, posters, and of course most all the ones you have written along with copies of your record books.

Wish to congratulate you on your stand on the Cassius Clay issue. Believe as you you do that titles are won and lost in the ring and not to satisfy the whim of someone's ruling. I do not uphold Clay for his actions. If he believes he's right, nobody can say different unless the courts rule otherwise.

After viewing my films of Jack Johnson you are so right in selecting him as the greatest defensive fighter that ever lived. After watching Jack Dempsey in action, he was the most exciting. Jasper Youngs

Little York, N.Y.

SPEAKS UP FOR MARCIANO

I am writing in protest to the article by Jersey Jones entitled "Was Marciano Heaviest Puncher Of All?" How Jones can put down the punching power of Marciano is beyond belief. He stated that Rocky relied on his ability to wear down an opponent since it is his opinion that Marciano lacked a one punch KO. Has he so easily forgotten Rocky's fights with Harry Matthews, Rex Lane and Jersey Joe Walcott (whom he so ineptly described in his article as a tired old man unable to avoid that right hand knockout punch!). For his information Rocky's opponents lasted on the average of 4.6 rounds which when you include 11 one round KO's to Rocky's credit does not sound like a wearing down process.

Further, I believe that Jones erred when he stated that both Archie Moore and Joe Walcott dropped Marciano for long counts. I hope he does not consider a count of 3 or 4 to be excessively long. As far as ruggedness goes, there never was a fighter as tough as the Rock. I feel certain that no other heavyweight in the history of boxing would have gotten off the floor from Jersey Joe's left hook as did Rocky in the first round of their first encounter.

His article ended with a bit of humor when he stated that Cassius Clay was number six among the heaviest punchers of all time. Surely he must have been joking. It is quite hard to comprehend how he can put Clay ahead of such obviously harder hitters as Walcott, Schmeling, Charles, and Patterson.

Thomas J. Caterino
New York, N.Y.

The Chatter Box

By JOHN ORT

THE bell tolled ten in boxing arenas across the world in memory of ex-lightweight king Carlos "Teo" Cruz. A Dominican airliner with Carlos, his wife and two children aboard, crashed in the Caribbean after taking off from the coast of the island of Hispaniola on its way to San Juan, Puerto Rico. All aboard were lost. Carlos was to train in San Juan for a fight two weeks later in Paris against Roger Zami.

Cruz was born in Puerto Plata, San Marcos, Bosua, Dominican Republic on November 4, 1937. His full name was Carlos Teofilo Rosario Cruz. As a child he lived an uneventful life travelling with his father, who was an officer in the Dominican army. There was no sign in Carlos' background to indicate he would become a boxer. His father, Don Francisco, even though an army officer, was a peaceful man. He would not tolerate fighting in the ring, or any other place.

During his youth Cruz' family continually travelled around the Dominican Republic. However, unknown to his father, Carlos had engaged in several brawls against local bullies and did well. His father thought he was plying his trade of mending shoes.

The turning point in Cruz' life came when a bully named Bolivar challenged him to a four-round bout with gloves. Carlos easily defeated his taller and heavier opponent. His first taste of boxing behind him, Carlos decided that this is what he wanted to do. He received his father's blessing and went on to engage in 17 amateur bouts, winning 14.

He turned pro at the age of 22 in a losing effort against a veteran named Jose Jimenez in Santo Domingo in 1959. Cruz' second bout, also in Santo Domingo, was a ten-rounder, in which he decisioned Rafael Acevedo. With the political situation in his country becoming tense, he decided to move to Puerto Rico. There he met Saso Betancourt, who befriended him and became his trainer.

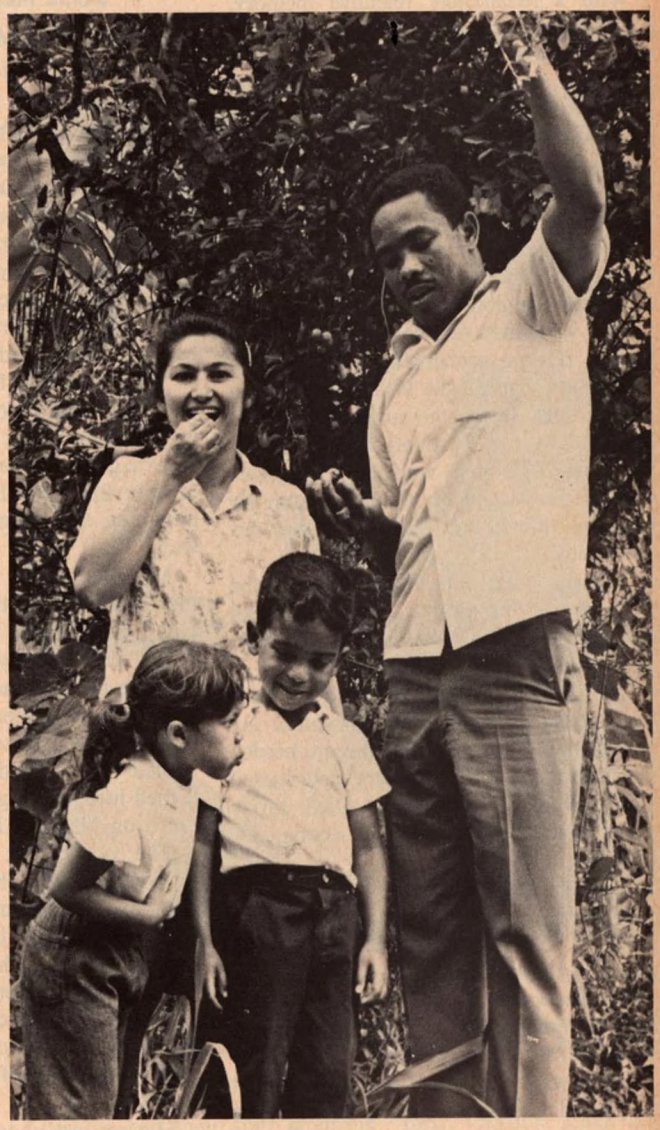
Cruz who loved Puerto Rico and its people, married a local girl named Mildred Ortiz. The couple had two children, Carlitos, 8, and Mildred, 3.

Trainer Betancourt teamed Carlos up with his manager, Pete Martinez, owner of an electrical equipment factory. Things started to look up for Teo. In 1960, he engaged in eight bouts, winning five, losing three. In 1961, Carlos hit tough sledding when he dropped his first three bouts. After this he went through his next 11 bouts without defeat. During this span he came to New York and ran off four wins and one draw. Then disaster struck. He travelled to Venezuela where he was kayoed in two by former junior welterweight king Carlos Hernandez. After this he became a nomad, boxing around the world in such places as Australia, South America and England. His record suffered during this period.

A new career started for him, however, on September 4, 1965, when he defeated local favorite Vicente Derado over ten rounds in San Juan, Puerto Rico. After winning this bout, he became a local hero and started on his way to the lightweight title.

1966 was a big year for him as he defeated Paul Armstead, Bunny Grant, Fernand Simard, and Derado, again, before losing a hotly-disputed bout to Frankie Narvaez. In 1967, Cruz reversed his loss to Narvaez and went on to win three more bouts.

The highlight of Teo's career occurred on June 20, 1968. As a 10-1 underdog he went into the ring in quest of the world lightweight title. This bout was held in Santo Domingo as Carlos attempted to become the first Dominican to hold a world title. In Carlos Ortiz, he was up against one of the best lightweight champions of all time. Ortiz had not lost a bout since 1965. Most boxing experts considered this just a tune-up for Ortiz, who had a title defense against Mando Ramos of Los Angeles scheduled.



Here is ex-lightweight king Carlos (Teo) Cruz and his family, all of whom met a tragic death when the plane they were aboard crashed into the Caribbean.

To everyone's surprise, Cruz scored one of the biggest upsets in boxing history. His countrymen were in an uproar, his government presented him with the Pablo Duarte Medal, the highest honor the government can confer on a distinguished citizen.

During the next six months Cruz defended his title once. He defeated Mando Ramos in 15 in Los Angeles, then won a non-title match in Tokyo, Japan against Hidemori Tsujimoto.

With the monies he earned *(Continued on page 34)*

CONTROVERSIAL ABE ATTELL DEAD AT 85; HELD FEATHER TITLE 12 YEARS

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Nolan, George Weedon, Jack Kearns, Dan Morgan and Al Lippe.

With a remarkably retentive memory, Attell could recall every bout in which he had competed. One of his most interesting tales concerned two bouts with Harlem Murphy in San Francisco in 1912, shortly after Abe had lost the featherweight title. The bouts were over the 20-round route, the first producing a decision for Murphy, and the second ending in a draw. Attell regarded them as two of the most gruelling battles of his long career, both rivals absorbing tremendous punishment.

One yarn that Abe took particular delight in relating concerned a meeting with New York lightweight Willie Beecher on Long Island during the summer of 1913. The bout was a 10-round no-decision affair. The rivals were working on percentages of the receipts, but the mid-summer heat was stifling, and the turnout was disappointing.

Business man Attell couldn't see the sense in working too hard, and by mutual consent he and Beecher agreed to make their meeting an exhibition.

By the third or fourth round the fans began hissing and clapping for more action. The referee, Charley Draycott, heeded the demands of the customers, and started to hound Attell. "Come on, Attell; throw some punches," and "A little action, Attell."

Abe decided to accommodate Draycott and the onlookers. In a clinch, he whispered to Beecher: "Step back fast; I'm going to throw a right."

Beecher obliged, and Attell threw his right. It missed Beecher, as intended, and smashed into Draycott's face.

Down went the referee, and Abe thought to himself: "This is it; we'll probably be tossed out now."

It was not to be. Sitting on the canvas, Draycott felt his face. His nose was bleeding. Hauling a handkerchief out of a pocket, he wiped his gory features, then pulled himself to his feet.

Glaring at Attell, he roared: "That's more like it. Now," pointing to Beecher, "hit *him* one."

Abe didn't, and the exhibition continued for the remainder of the ten rounds.

Attell figured in the notorious Black Sox baseball scandal that followed the 1919 World Series, but he denied the charges and nothing was proved to implicate him.

After retiring from ring competition, Abe operated several taverns in New York, but never lost his interest in boxing. He was a regular attendee at all important bouts in the Big Town until illness eventually forced him to became a patient at the nursing home in the Catskills.

Recognizing his unique boxing talent, and his long tenure as featherweight champion of the world, Attell was elected to Boxing's Hall of Fame in 1955.

JOSE ALL THE WAY; STOPS LOPEZ IN 15

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a stinging left jab to check Indian Red's rushes, and his jolting left hook dropped the challenger three times—in the first, ninth and 15th rounds.

Following the knockdown in the 15th, referee Larry Rozadilla halted the carnage at the session's 2:38 mark, to save Lopez from what conceivably could have been serious injury. His features were badly battered and bleeding.

"Mantequilla" (for slippery as butter), as Napoles had become known to his adoring Mexican public since he fled Castro's Cuba eight years before, packed too much of everything for Lopez, outboxing, outpunching and outgeneralling him all the way.

Mexican fans, who swarmed across the border by the thousands, in open-collared shirts, sang their national anthem loudly and proudly, and waved all sorts of noise-making gadgets, sombreros, flags and their fists in encouragement to their adopted idol. At the end of the bout, they rushed the ringside and one of them leaped into the ring to place a large sombrero on Napoles' head.

The victory not only was Jose's fifth in welterweight championship competition, but gave him an overall record of 56 triumphs (40 by KO) in 60 bouts, and earned him a healthy $100,000 guarantee from promoter George Parnassus. The promoter, incidentally, had to be restrained from flooring an excited fan who tried to interfere with the post-victory outburst.

Having just about eliminated all legitimate opposition in the welterweight division, Napoles is now casting ambitious optics in the direction of the middleweight class, and is intent on getting the world champion, Nino Benvenuti of Italy, into the ring with him. Parnassus is reported willing to negotiate for the match. Napoles doesn't feel he'd be conceding much poundage to Benvenuti. He scaled 145 for Lopez, and would expect to come in at or about 150 for the Italian, who probably would have some difficulty getting down to the class limit, 160. Benvenuti also would enjoy a few inches in height and reach, but Napoles has frequently beaten taller opponents. Having whipped Griffith more decisively than did Benvenuti in two of their three meetings for the middleweight laurels, Napoles seemingly has some justification in his belief he can whip the Italian.

THE CHATTER BOX

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from boxing, Carlos acquired a coffee and banana plantation outside San Juan, Puerto Rico, where he and his family lived until their tragic deaths.

Cruz lost his crown on February 18, 1969, in Los Angeles, Calif., in a rematch with Mando Ramos. It was anybody's bout up to the 11th, the point where it was stopped due to Carlos' badly cut eyes.

Teo went back to San Juan and started to campaign for another crack at the title. He beat both Grady Ponder and Len Kesey in San Juan and outpointed Victor Melendez in New York, last October.

Carlos' career totals, which spanned 1959-1969 were:

58 bouts, won 42, kayo's 11, losses 13. He was stopped twice. Draws 2, lost on a foul, 1. Cruz was 32 at his death.

► **Chatter...** Ex-middleweight king Tony Zale returned to Chicago to coach the district boxing program . . . Canadian heavyweight champion eorge Chuvalo was saddened by the loss of his mother recently. She died after a lengthy illness . . . Former lightweight contender Johnny Bizzarro is touting his brother Lou as the best looking young boxer in the midwest . . . Orlando, Fla. boxing promoters are allowing women in free of charge at their shows . . . Joe Frazier's manager, Yank Durham, took an unwarranted slap at New York referee Harold Valan before the Frazer-Ellis setto. He stated "I saw the Ellis-Patterson fight in Sweden and I did not like the decision or the way Valan handled the fight. If Valan walks into the ring Joe will walk out." He didn't have to do it publicly so as to embarrass Valan. He could have said it privately to Commissioner Dooley and avoided a cheap blast . . . One of Buffalo's favorite boxers of yesteryear, Willie "K.O." Brennan, is recovering from a fractured pelvis . . . U.S. Air Force sergeant George Carter, stationed in Japan, just won the Japanese national middleweight title . . . The new chairman of the California boxing commission is Robert Voigt of Los Angeles . . . New England boxing promotor Sam Silverman had a whopping success in his return to Boston at the Bradford Hotel. A standing room crowd of 1,100 turned out . . . Former welterweight king Don Jordan is now working in the tool repair division of Douglas Aircraft in Santa Monica, Calif. . . . Cassius Clay continued his college lecture tout with a stop at Colgate University in upstate New York . . . Ex-flyweight champion Hiroyuki Ebihara retired to become a television commentator in his native Japan . . . Harold Gomes, ex-junior lightweight king, is now in public relations for the Narragansett Brewery in Cranston, R. I.

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

MANNIE SEAMON is not as frequent a habitue of the Great White Way as of yore when he was ranked as one of our outstanding trainers of fistic champions. But those who still make the stem their regular abode were more than happy when he dropped in to say howdy to a lot of former cronies.

The transplanted Chicagoan, who came with his family to New York when he was four years of age, was born on Aug. 15, 1897, making him 72 years young. Seamon must hold the all-time record for handling men who were among our outstanding champions and claimants.

Mannie first became recognized as a fine trainer when he was associated with Manager Billy Gibson and Benny Leonard, one of the greatest lightweight kings. He trained Gene Tunney for two fights before he eventually became heavyweight boss . . . Trained the famous "Brown Bomber," Joe Louis, after the passing of Jack Blackburn . . . Worked with Johnny Wilson before he became middleweight boss . . . . Handled Johnny Ertle, of St. Paul, one-time bantam title claimant, Petey Sarron, former featherweight champion, and Primo Carnera, who eventually became heavyweight king.

Following his boxing days, Mannie has been associated with several New York racetracks. Mannie's brother Benny, formerly a boxing announcer at local clubs but now in Miami, is retired. Benny was regaling Jack "Doc" Moore, Meyer Chinsky and others with some great stories.

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A regular ringsider at all Garden fights is popular actor Ed Begley, 69 years young, and a long-time member of the Lambs Club. Ed says he boxed for the amateur lightweight championship of Connecticut, but quickly found out his career would be better on the stage not in the ring.

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While visiting the New York Athletic Club, we ran into an old friend, Billy Reece, originally from Washington, D.C., who was a middleweight and light heavyweight fighting out of Bayonne, N.J., from 1951 to 1953. Reece, a former Marine, was 28 when he had his amateur bouts and about eight pro engagements. He remembers his second semi-pro fight against "Jersey Joe" Walcott's top sparmate, Billy Reynolds, in the Newark Bowl, losing a four-round decision.

Reece, who still teaches boxing to pupils, was enthusiastic about the late John O'Brien, who spent many of his final years with Ben Horwech, a well known criminal lawyer in Bayonne, N.J.

O'Brien, who was in the clothing business in Harlem, was a pal of the late Billy Gibson and other famed figures of his era. Among those whom he managed were "Panama Joe" Gans, Billy DeFoe, the St. Paul wizard; Jorge Brescia, the Argentine heavyweight, Lew Perfetti, from Harlem, and Georgie Holzman, Bayonne, N.J., middleweight. O'Brien died in 1960.

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Another former fistic star, Billy Graham, who came mighty close to becoming welterweight boss, never misses a fistic tete-a-tete in the new Garden. Billy, who boxed as featherweight to welterweight from 1941 to 1955 and was managed by Irving Cohen and Jack Reilly, is still Eastern Division Bar Supervisor for Calvert Distillers and lives with his wife Lorraine and their four offspring—Billy, Gordon, Ellen and Douglas—at West Islip, Long Island, New York. The Grahams also have four grandchildren, three boys and one girl.

Here is trainer Mannie Seamon, helping Joe Louis with his training equipment during a workout in the days of yore when the Brown Bomber was sitting on top of the fistic world. Mannie was also associated with Benny Leonard, Gene Tunney, Johnny Wilson, Johnny Ertle, Petey Sarron and Primo Carnera.

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The passing of Abe Attell, one of our great featherweight kings, after a long illness, at the age of 85, was a shocker. We saw Abe in a few of his final fights around little old New York. He was beyond a doubt a master of the gloves. We'll never forget his meeting with K.O. Brown, Dan Morgan's lightweight southpaw from the New York East Side, at the Pioneer on W. 44th St. The fans didn't believe it when Brown pressed him and still thought the Coast man was going easy. He won the crown from George Dixon and lost it to Johnny Kilbane. In a career of 168 fights, his mark was 91 victories, 47 by kayos, ten losses and 17 draws. His other bouts were no-decision affairs. Abe had two other fighters in his family, brothers Monte and Caesar. His wife Mae and three stepchildren survive Abe.

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Greetings from Sammy Luftspring, executive director of the Brown Derby, in Toronto, Canada. Here's his story: "Dear Sam: It's been a habit of mine *(Continued on page 38)*

SCRANTON MAINTAINS REP AS "GOOD FIGHT CENTER"

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opponent for Phillips, pulled out. Chuck Bednarik, tough boxing commissioner suspended him and fined him $2,500.

The near-sellout crowd suspected the worst. They felt they were being taken by a promotional swindle. The ugly crowd mood disappeared right after the opening bell for the main event.

It was the most action-packed shindig Scranton had seen in years. Phillips fought three full minutes of every round. Jerry Tomasetti, who trains Phillips, said he wants him to fight like Joe Frazier. If Yank Durham saw Phillips, he would want Frazier to fight like him. Phillips won over substitute Gillio.

Nagelberg now mingled freely with the excited fans in the lobby. They kept congratulating him as if he had deliberately engineered the big suprise. Everybody kept telling him it was a good thing Halliday didn't show up.

Chick Feldman, veteran sports-writer, wrote, "Those who left can only regret their haste. Those who remained have memories they wouldn't exchange for a second Dempsey-Firpo scramble, or two more involving Dempsey and Tunney."

The happy sequel was that both, who drew down $1,700 each for that one, met in a return for $2,500 apiece.

Golden Glove Gym is the name of a fight factory on Lackawanna Ave. The premises are operated by veteran manager Lippe Breidbart, who handles middleweights Bobby Phillips and Walter Opshinsky. Because Lippe commutes from New York, he leaves the overall supervision to retired heavyweight Jerry Tomasetti.

Tomasetti, a father of six, and a highly popular sports figure, retired after he was stopped by Chuck Wepner in 1968. He refereed a few local fights, but soon felt a need for broader activity. Breidbart originally opened the gym to find Jerry a local home. One thing led to another, and he now has a lively stable. Besides training Phillips and Opshinsky, he manages welterweights Jimmy Donley and Tony Berrios, and a Galento-type heavyweight named Paul Simonetti. All won their first fights.

There are no enrollment or dues-fees at the gym. The GGG has an open house policy for the neighborhood kids. Lippe pays the freight. There are about fifteen steadies working out. The gym fills up occasionally before amateur tournaments. The first fighters to train there, besides Tomasetti, were Richie McAndrews, Tommy Sheehan and Bobby Phillips. The gym is probably the finest single contribution to Scranton boxing.

Lippe has been managing fighters since 1930. His best known charge was heavyweight Tommy Hurricane Jackson, the colorful character who stopped Dan Bucceroni, Charlie Norkus and Rex Layne, and decisioned Ezzard Charles twice, and Bob Baker, twice. He lost a twelve-rounder to Floyd Patterson, and was stopped by him in the tenth of a title fight.

Bobby Phillips has a 20-2 record with 10 KO's. The losses were six rounders to Henry Stroud and Jimmy Williams. He avenged them later. The scrappy Welshman is a big drawing card in Scranton. He skyrocketed into the local fistic limelight when he scored a 3rd-round knockout over Bobby O'Brien. The win registered big as O'Brien had become an adopted son after a few wins. Phillips then followed up with the two wins over Gillio.

Phillips has been described as a junior Joe Frazier.

A character in and outside of the ring, Phillips, a college accounting student, is popular with the young swing set because of his modish clothes and heavy adornments. For the Gillio rematch, he came in with a Fu-Manchu moustache. Gillio failed to knock it off his face, as he had threatened.

Walter Opshinsky is an entirely different type of fighter. A classic boxer-puncher, he picks his spots. A few jabs, a clever feint, and he throws in a combo. His record is 9-1, with 7 KO's and plenty of knockdowns. Barely out of six-round competition, the Polish collegian recently dropped an exciting eight-round split to Bobby O'Brien in New York's Felt Forum. Measuring 6 feet and usually weighing about 158, Walter feels better with about ten more pounds on his slender frame.

Scranton may soon be getting a glimpse of another Breidbart product, Texan welter Severo Kid Balboa. Five years ago, when Lippe ran the LBJ Gym in Corpus Christi, he developed the Mexican hotshot and piloted him through a 11-1 amateur career which included the regional Golden Gloves crown, and 20 straight pro wins. When Lippe pulled up stakes Balboa remained behind because of family and job commitments.

His record now stands at 28-3-1, with 11 KO's. He is undefeated in Texas. In 1966, he lost a split decision to Percy Pugh in New Orleans and dropped one to Dickie Di Veronica in Miami Beach. They were his toughest fights.

An elbow injury that necessitated surgery acted up recurrently and kept Balboa on the shelf at times, but he won his three 1968 fights, two of them with Morris Crathin and the other with Tony Monroe. In 1969, Balboa decisioned Blackie Zamorra, Cassius Green and Allen Mott, and drew with José Blanco.

The kid came to Texas from Tampico when he was six, and became a habitant at twelve. He was graduated from Ray High School where he broke track records.

Balboa works at ARADMAC, army aeronautical depot and maintenance center, where he is a sheet metal apprentice. He also takes courses at Del Mar College.

Scranton is fortunate in generating fight interest. The Scranton Tribune, Sunday Scrantonian and Scranton Times do a consistently competent job of covering the local fight beat. The one person who should be singled out for special honors is Chick Feldman, sports editor of the Trib and the Scrantonian. Chic has been HATCHIN' 'EM OUT (the title of his column) for over fifty years.

WORLD RATINGS

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Featherweight changes saw Antonio Gomez, heretofore No. 3, move up to No. 2, exchanging places with Vicente Saldivar, the former 126-pound king, followed by Kuniaki Shibata, up from six, Cruz Marcano, Jimmy Revie, Fernando Sotelo, newcomer Hiroshi Shoji, Jose Legra and veteran Eder Jofre, the former bantamweight king, embarking on a comeback. Fighting Harada, the ex-flyweight and bantamweight boss, retired.

Only four boxers held their places in the bantamweight ratings—Takao Sakurai, No. 1; Chucho Castillo, No. 2; Julio Guerrero, No. 6; and Katsuyoshi Takayama, No. 8. Raul Cruz moved up from fifth to third, Kazuyoshi Kanazawa and Alan Rudkin each dropped a slot from third and fourth, respectively. Johnny Clark was upped from ninth to seventh and Walter McGowan to ninth from 10th. Mexico's Mario Manrique is the new No. 10 man. Rudy Alarcon, who retired, was dropped.

There were no changes among the flyweights.

FRAZIER IS NOW UNDISPUTED CHAMPION

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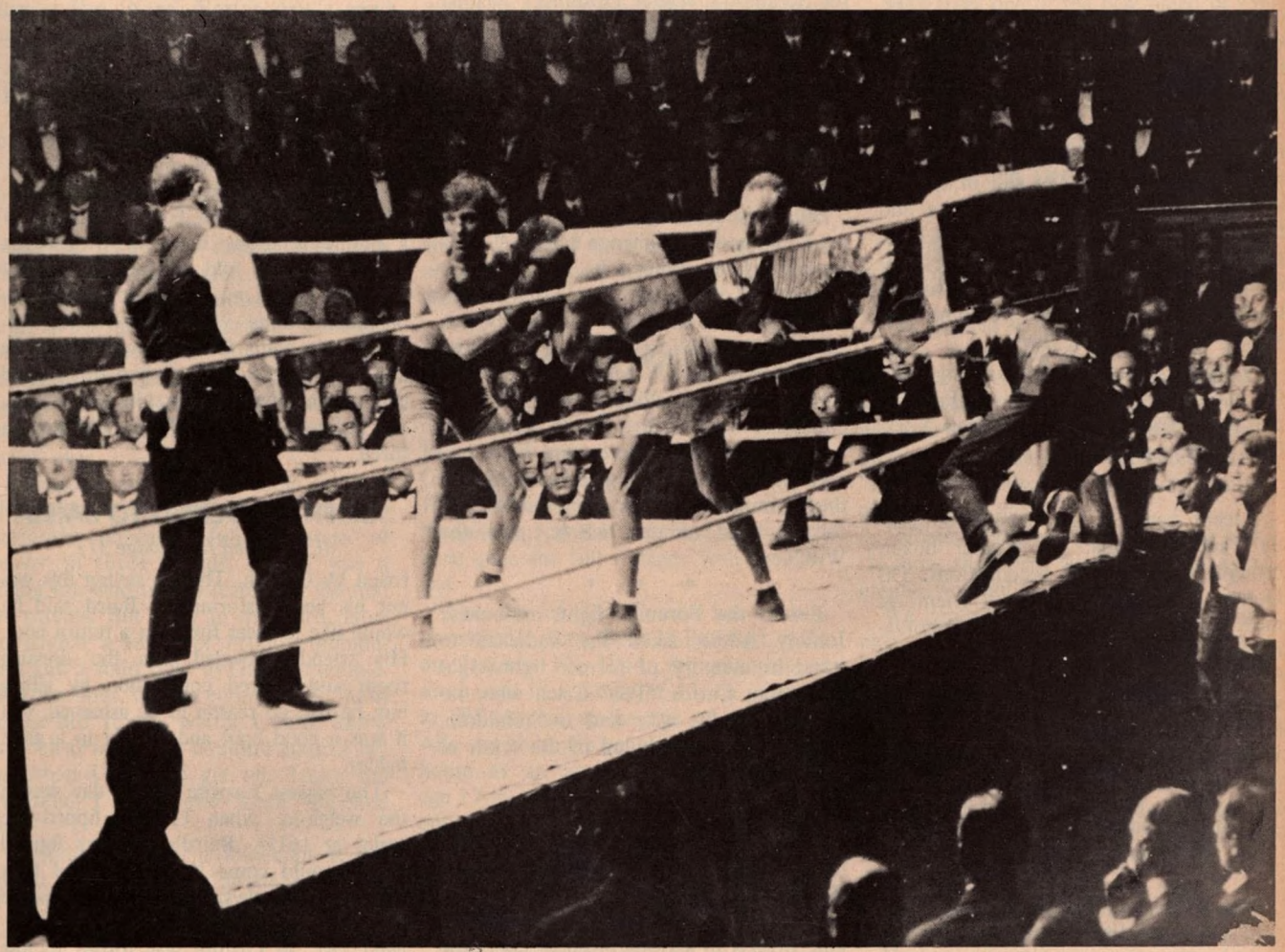
hook that dropped Ellis the first time. It was another left hook that dropped him before the bell. He landed face down, and at the count of four he slightly raised his head. At five he started to rise when the bell sounded. It was scarcely heard except around ringside. When Jimmy went to the canvas, he fell on his face, then turned on his back.

Ellis who is 29 years old, tipped the beam at 201 at weigh-in time before noon and his opponent scaled 205. Each at the time was in a jovial mood and predicted victory.

Following the fight, Frazier, interviewed in his dressing room declared he would like nothing better than to have Clay cleared. "He's the man I want to fight," he declared, "and no one else." Such a match undoubtedly would be welcomed if it were possible to make it.

Jersey Jones Recalls:

WHEN WILDE LEARNED A LESSON



Pete Herman (right) scores with body punches that eventually wore down Jimmy Wilde in London. This photo was snapped at the time of a mixup at the bell ending the 14th round. Wilde was dropped three times in the 17th round when the referee called a halt to matters.

FOLLOWING closely on the demolition of the Sussex Avenue Armory in Newark, another New Jersey boxing landmark faded into the mists of yesteryear when the Jersey City Garden was ravaged by fire.

The building became a fight center during the winter of 1919-20. Jack Jennings, who had been operating successfully with the outdoor Armory A.A., later renamed the Oakland, wanted to continue promoting during the cold weather, and he arranged for a building on the Jersey City Heights that had been popular for dances and labor union meetings.

In that no-decision era, Jennings had no difficulty getting many of the top performers to strut their stuff there. Hudson County fairly teemed with fighters, and most of them welcomed the opportunity to ply their trade on Jennings' cards. (Later the arena became known as the Grotto, and eventually the J. C. Garden.)

Jimmy Wilde, Britain's Mighty Atom, and the world flyweight champion, was then campaigning in the United States.

Jimmy, great ringman though he was, lacked tact and diplomacy. Reluctant to concede anything to American fighters, even his opponents, he invariably referred to them as "bums."

We recall the night he had a close call in Camden when he hooked up with Battling Murray of Philadelphia. Wilde was dropped in the second round, but recovered and went on to batter Murray into submission in the eighth.

In the dressing room later, we said to Jimmy: "There'll be a crowd of Philadelphia sports writers coming in here, and naturally they'll ask you what you think of Murray. It won't hurt you a bit to say he's a tough kid and a good puncher."

Wilde didn't. Instead, when they popped the question to him, he replied: "He can't fight, and it was a lucky punch that dropped me."

We frequently got into arguments with him over his reluctance to credit Americans with any ability. We reminded him that he hadn't seen some of our top ringsters—Benny Leonard, Johnny Kilbane, Jack Britton and Pete Herman.

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OLD BROADWAY

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to read the Ring Magazine for the past 35 years. We have met on many occasions when you did public relations for the James J. Parker-Archie Moore fight. I was Al Weill's fighter from 1937 to 1940. I fought in the 8th Avenue Madison Square Garden four times. I defeated Andre Jessurun, Frankie Blair, Billy Townsend, and Johnny Jadick. My victory over Frankie Genovese enabled me to win the Canadian title in 1938. I retired in 1940. My last fight was with Steve Belloise, dropping a split decision.

"Losing the sight of an eye forced me to retire but I am doing O.K., having raised a fine family. I'm still in boxing, as you know, being a referee here and have been third man in the ring in most of the important fights hereabouts, including the Ernie Terrell-George Chuvalo championship bout. I also do some television work now and then.

"I would appreciate your saying hello for me to the staff of The Ring Magazine and to my friends in little old New York. God bless you all."

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Recent news of the passing of Teddy Pace DiDonna, 89, former boxer, brought back famous recollections. DiDonna, former boxer, was a friend of most newspaper reporters and photographers. Teddy, who lived at 45 Carroll St., Brooklyn, N.Y., began as a lightweight at the turn of the century. He boxed 23 times under the name of Kid Williams before becoming a longshoreman. He for years also was a messenger for the Daily News and other New York newspapers.

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Sam Silverman, Boston promoter, drew over $38,000 with the Rocky Marciano-Cassius Clay film at the Boston Garden. Sam, running weekly boxing bouts at Portland, Maine; North Adams, Mass., has started weekly shows at the plush ballroom of the Bradford Hotel. Silverman will open up Manchester, New Hampshire, with a boxing show every two weeks and also bi-weekly shows in Fall River. Incidentally, Sam had the TV closed circuit rights to the Ellis-Frazier heavyweight title match in seven locations, three in Greater Boston, in Lowell, Mass., Providence, R.I., Portland, Me., and Worcester, Mass. Sam has his headquarters at 69 Canal St., Boston, Mass.

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Aftermath of the Frazier-Ellis heavyweight title match in the Garden . . . An 18,000 gate and almost $650,000 gross, everybody went home satisfied. A first was established with no four round preliminary. There were two sixes, a ten and the feature event. No squawk about the decision for George Foreman over Gregorio Peralta, the Argentinian. Referee Mark Conn's 9 to 1 scoring coincided with ours. Angelo Dundee's action in refusing to permit Jimmy Ellis to come out for the fifth round of the title bout was very commendable. We had Ellis winning the first round but behind in the next three sessions. Only possible argument of night was when one judge voted for Scranton's Walter Opshinsky against Bob O'Brien while referee Zack Clayton and the other judge had it 3-2-1 for the Bayside, N.Y. man. We thought Randy Neumann outpointed our friend, officer Tony Gagliardo, but not by the margins voted.

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Sitting in first row seats were ex-Boxing Commission Chairman James A. Farley and his son, Jimmy, Jr., also a former member of the board . . . Ed Sullivan, newspaper and television personality was spotted. Toots Shor was there and close to him was Horace McMahon and our friend, Bob Considine. TV and radio columnist Jack O'Brian was there. So was Chairman Ed Dooley and New Jersey's Abe Greene, long associated with the commission across the Hudson and former head of the N.B.A., now the W.B.A.

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Before the Foreman fight, announcer Johnny Addie asked the audience to stand in memory of former lightweight champion, Carlos "Teo" Cruz, who, together with his wife and two children, were among those killed in the crash of a Dominican airliner.

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Veteran New York fans were shocked to hear that Bruce Flowers, popular New Rochelle lightweight, who met all the 135-pound topliners during the 1920s and '30s, is in serious physical condition at his home, 28 Winthrop Avenue, New Rochelle, N.Y., and would like to hear from those who knew him when. Flowers' three bouts with Jack (Kid) Berg in Madison Square Garden are still remembered vividly by the packed houses that witnessed the classic series.

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Chuck Davey, former welterweight contender and now chairman of the Michigan Athletic Commission, was on hand . . . He's with the New England Life Insurance Co.

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Ted Lukawski, who is with the Ringside Security group in the Garden, on a recent trip with his wife to California, ran into Everett Rightmire, old-time featherweight. Rightmire met the best, including the late 126-pound king, Chalky Wright, and Sal Bartolo, former NBA title holder. Rightmire is a bit heavier now but happy as he operates a bar and grill in Sioux City, Iowa.

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Before the feature event there was a nostalgic air in the introductions of many ex-champions. Paired were Sandy Saddler, who worked in George Foreman's corner, and Willie Pep; Joey Giardello and Rocky Graziano . . . Donato Paduano, new welterweight star now out of Montreal . . . James J. Braddock, the "Cinderella Man," Jack Dempsey, the "Manassa Mauler," and ex-kings Dick Tiger and Emile Griffith, who had a ten spot in the Garden on tap.

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At Jack Dempsey's before the fights, we ran into Two Ton Tony Galento, now a public relations man for Stegmeier's Brewery. Tony told us he's getting set to open Two Ton Tony's Sports Palace, on Lackawanna Plaza, in Orange, N.J. Of all his fights Galento remembers the night of Aug. 6, 1931, when he stopped three men, Frankie Kitz in one round, Joe Brian in one and Paul Phierman in three.

GRIFFITH SOCKS IT TO BAIRD

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foxed by Griffith. Though saying this was not his best performance, Baird said he would like to meet Emile in a return bout. His friends crowded into the dressing room and offered consolation by telling him he had no reason to be ashamed, that it was a good bout and he lost to a great fighter.

The biggest surprise of the day was at the weigh-in, when Griffith tipped the scales at 161¼. Baird's handlers figured Emile would come in at 154, and their boy at 161. Doyle's weight, at 158, shocked even his own people. The contracts stipulated 161, so Griffith was forced to lose ¼ pound on demand of Baird's handlers.

Later, Griffith threw a victory party for his friends, at which he stated that Jose Napoles, to whom he lost in a bid to regain the welterweight title, was one of the best fighters he had ever fought. Emile said he had no excuse for losing to Jose, but would like to box him at 160 pounds. Asked why he weighed so much for this bout, after weighing only 144 last October for Napoles, Griffith said he didn't work out the last two days and just loafed around the hotel.

Most observers opined that the reason Doyle did not finish with his usual strength is that he over-trained, and left his fight in the gym. He also may have been concerned when Griffith outweighed him which may have started him thinking that Griffith was going to slug it out with him.

Baird may have lost the bout but not any of his fans.

KEN NORTON TOSSES HAT IN THE RING

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KO method followed. Cornell Nolan, Kindred (for the second time), Joe Hemphill, Pedro Sanchez and veteran Bill McMurray fell before the strong shots of an improving Norton.

With Joe Frazier in the audience and 1600 fans on hand at Bill Miller's Coliseum in San Diego, Norton met a good prospect from Las Vegas, Gary Bates. It proved to be a frustrating night for Norton. Round after round went by with a strong and game Bates proving to be an elusive and tough target. Just when it looked as though Bates was about to go under from the pressing attack tossed at him by Norton, the Vegas card dealer would slip away and double over in a hard-to-get-through defensive shell. At times Norton looked confused and amaturish as he failed to penetrate the Bates wall. But in the eighth round he sank a wicked left in the stomach of his unwilling opponent and countered with a right that almost tore Bates' head off and it was all over.

Knockout number 12 came in San Diego's Coliseum with Norton stopping previously unbeaten Julius Garcia of Denver in three rounds. Garcia was a willing foe who traded leather in the first two rounds. But early in the third, Norton landed a series of brutal combinations and a solid right to Garcia's temple. After the bout, Garcia commented, "Man can he hit! It was weird, I could think fairly clear but I just couldn't control my legs when I tried to get up. That's the first time I have ever been knocked down."

Winning fights by a knockout is not new to Norton. As an amateur he won 24 of 26 bouts with 19 showing a KO mark. When in the U.S. Marine Corps more than four years, he won three corps titles and the Pan American Games Trials Crown.

Stationed at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, Norton won that state's Golden Gloves and A.A.U. heavyweight titles in 1966 and followed in 1967 by advancing to the finals of the National A.A.U. tourney in San Diego before losing to Forest Ward in a close, rugged battle.

Norton's contract is held by four San Diego businessmen with soft drink company executive Rivkin acting as spokesman. "Ken is paid a weekly salary and this allows him to concentrate on his boxing career exclusively. He runs about five miles in the morning every day of the week and then reports to Eddie (Futch) at a Los Angeles gym later in the day for workouts. Ken is always in top condition and never has been a problem to us in any way. We are all very proud of him and feel sure he is going to be a champion," Rivkin stated.

There would seem to be little in the way of Norton making it all the way up the ladder in professional boxing. He has the size, speed, condition and strength needed and, more importantly, possesses the Marine Corps' desire to win. Combined with the knowledge of a skilled trainer and a patient manager, Norton would seem at this juncture to have everything going for him and boxing fans would do well to keep his name in mind when contemplating the often cloudy heavyweight picture.

Norton sums it all up when he says, "I think the time has come for me to make my move. I know what I can do in the ring and hope that during 1970 the boxing world will permit me to start climbing up that ladder everybody talks about. I think I have a pretty good foot up it at this point and would like to go all the way to the top!"

WHAT MAKES FRAZIER TICK?

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been decked three times, once by Mike Bruce in his second pro bout and twice by Oscar Bonavena in their first meeting in 1966. Bonavena (twice) and George Scrap-Iron Johnson are the only men to have gone the full distance with Smokin' Joe.

The rise of Joe Frazier has been a phenomenal story. Born at Beaufort, S.C., on January 12, 1944, the youngest of seven sons in a family of 13, he migrated to Philadelphia at the age of 16 with a wife and child. He got a job in a slaughterhouse as an apprentice meat-cutter. At age 17 in 1961, the boy who had dropped out of school in the ninth grade to drive a tractor on his father's farm, was a fat 230-pounder, very conscious of his grossness. His thighs were so heavy he would continually split his clothes.

"My legs were so fat," recalls Joe, "that I couldn't put my pants on."

Then came the dawning. Frazier went to a PAL gym to exercise and work out. The excess blubber began to melt. He was spotted by trainer Yank Durham who discovered the youngster could punch hard and take a blow extremely well. Thus began the close relationship between boxer and trainer.

After capturing 38 of 40 amateur bouts, Joe scored six straight knockouts in the 1964 Olympic trials before losing an unpopular decision to 300-pound Buster Mathis in the U.S. finals. But the fates intervened.

Mathis suffered a broken thumb and was unable to compete in the Olympic Games. So Frazier was named his replacement, going on to capture the heavyweight Gold Medal at Tokyo.

Then came 1965 and the start of Joe's association with Cloverlay. Little did Frazier, Durham or the Cloverlay people realize that in five short years they would reach the culmination of their dreams; that Smokin' Joe would possess the single most coveted prize in all sports—the heavyweight championship of the world.

As long as success doesn't spoil him, as long as he keeps "comin' out smokin'" every time he fights, Joe Frazier should make a very worthy and exciting champion.

He's truly one of the new breed of top athletes developed in the 1960's who is certain to make a gigantic imprint during the 1970's.

WHEN WILDE LEARNED A LESSON

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But the tiny Welshman refused to be convinced. He still insisted the Yanks were "bums."

We decided it was time for Jimmy to learn a lesson. Upon returning to New York, we got in touch with Sammy Goldman, Herman's manager, and explained what we wanted done. Could we "borrow" Herman for a date in the Jersey City club. "It's a small club," we said, "and cannot afford to pay much."

"Whatever you can get," Goldman said, "is more than Pete would get in a gymnasium workout."

We contacted Jennings. A world champion would be a tremendous thing for him. Jack explained that because of the limited capacity of his club he didn't think he could pay Herman what Pete was accustomed to getting. "Pay whatever you think you can," we assured him. "But get the right opponent."

The "right opponent" turned out to be Patsy Johnson, a rugged "club fighter" out of Trenton.

Wilde was living in Jersey City, and agreed to come out for the bout.

Herman was told to put on one of his best exhibitions, and he agreed.

Pete was at his peak that night, and his performance was super-brilliant. He did not try to knock Johnson out, but he did give the Trentonian a thorough boxing lesson.

Along about the fifth or sixth round we glanced at Wilde. He was sitting in the working press section at the ringside, and his eyes were fairly popping.

"Well, Jimmy," we asked him, "what do you think of Pete Herman? Another 'bum'?"

"Whew-w-w-w!" he replied, "he's the best thing I've seen in the States—a great fighter."

The whimsical gods of destiny have a habit now and then of perpetrating ironic pranks.

Less than a year later—ten months to be precise—it was Herman who journeyed to Britain to wreck Wilde in London.

WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

For the Month Ending March 15, 1970

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HEAVYWEIGHTS

Joe Frazier kayoed Jimmy Ellis, 5, won undisputed world heavyweight title.

Al Jones drew with Luis Pirez, 10. Jose Manuel Urtain stopped Jimmy Jones and Leslie Borden, 1. Boone Kirkman halted Mike Bruce, 2. George Foreman outpointed Gregorio Peralta, 10.

Ted Gullick kayoed Leo Peterson, 2. Don Mcalinder stopped Tommy Clark, 5. Tony Doyle outpointed Getulio Bueno, 10. Joe Bugner halted Roberto Davila, 3.

Ken Norton kayoed Aaron Eastling, 2. Randy Neuman beat Tony Gagliardo, 6. Terry Hinke halted Duke Spears, 6.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Bob Foster kayoed Bill Hardney, 4, non-title. Ray Anderson stopped Hydro Lacey, 4.

Piero Del Papa beat Yvan Prebeg, 15, European light heavyweight title. Billy Wagner halted Angelo Andino, 1, Chico Corsey, 1. Tony Lampron stopped Billy Marsh, 6. Eddie Jones decisioned Benny Bowser, 10. Scott Wisooker beat Rocky Martin, 10.

Chuck Hamilton stopped Terry Lee, 11. Bobby Covino decisioned Jimmy Cherico, 8. Kelly Burden halted Cassius Scott, 9. Paul Patin beat Larry Brasier, 10. Ed Ostapovick kayoed Kid Davey, 2.

Paul Cardoza outpointed Yvon Duhamel, 10. Robert Matthews beat Jesse Hill, 6. Dave Rogers drew with Chet Davis, 6.

MIDDLEWEIGHT

Denny Moyer stopped Mike Pusateri, 2. Tom Bogs drew with Don Fullmer, 10. Luis Rodriguez halted Porter Rolle, 4.

Emile Griffith beat Doyle Baird, 10. Nate Collins outpointed Jimmy Lester, 10. Ralph McCoy decisioned Charlie Austin, 10. Curtis Cokes stopped Roberto Pena, 5. Carlos Marks beat Luis Vinales, 10.

Johnny Coiley decisioned Kid Bassey II, 8. Carlos Novotney stopped Richie Sudol, 8. Andy Heilman halted Jorge Rosales, 5. Joe Shaw stopped Manuel Valdez, 3. George Carter won from Koichi Wajima, 10.

Earl Johnson halted Howard Youngblood, 3. Jim Parks decisioned Brian Greer, 8. Bob Hayman kayoed Bashir Quiby, 1. Bob O'Brian outpointed Walt Opshinsky, 6.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Jose Napoles stopped Ernie Lopez, 15, retained world welterweight title.

Rodrigo Valdez kayoed David Oropeza, 1. Johann Orsolics halted Klaus Klein, 9. Billy Backus stopped Ricky Ortiz, 8. Raul Soriano beat Ralph Charles, 10. Oscar Alvardo lost to Adolph Pruitt, 10.

Marcel Cerdan halted Pablo Lopez, 2. Peter Cobblah beat Jerry Graci, 10. Clyde Gray kayoed Luigi Colovita, 1. Des Rea halted Gus Farrell, 11. Pepper Romero stopped Andy Anderson, 1. Aristeo Castro beat Jesse Green, 6.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Bruno Arcari beat Pedro Adigue, 15, WBC junior welterweight title. Adolph Pruitt outpointed Oscar Alvarado, 10. Eddie Perkins decisioned Dino Del Cid, 10. Ricardo Medrano beat Donnie Spencer, 10.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Miguel Velazquez outpointed Ken Buchanan, 15, European lightweight title. Raul Montoya stopped Fino Rosales, 5. Al Ford beat Flash Gallego, 10. Esteban Favela drew with Ray Adigun, 10.

JUUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Hiroshi Kobayashi drew with Hiroshi Shoji, 10, non-title. Ruben Navarro kayoed Lalo Moreno, 4. Alfredo Marcano kayoed by Raul Cruz, 7.

Frankie Crawford decisioned Ray Echavarria, 12. Rogilio Tulungari stopped Luis Ramirez, 7.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Shozo Saijyo beat Godfrey Stevens, 15, WBA featherweight title. Antonio Gomez halted Gil Noriega, 8.

Kuniaki Shibata outpointed Felipe Torres, 10. Eder Jofre decisioned Nevio Carbi, 10. Hiroshi Shoji drew with Hiroshi Kobayashi, 10. Fighting Harada and Dwight Hawkins retired. Kyun Kim beat Kenjiro Nakajima, 10.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Raul Cruz kayoed Alfredo Marcano, 7. Johnny Clark stopped Felipe Gonzalez, 6. Rudy Alarcon retired.

Rudy Villagonza kayoed Richie Gonzalez, 7. Lennie Brice halted Manny Camay, 2. Roberto Cervantes beat Shig Oki, 10.

FLYWEIGHTS

Berkrerk Chartvanchi beat Rudy Tumulak, 10. Bernabe Villacampo decisioned Raton Mojica, 10. Hiroyuki Ebihara retired.

ANOTHER WHITE HOPE ERA WOULD BE MERE TRAVESTY

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tragic Luther McCarty, Arthur Pelkey, Jim Savage, Tom Kennedy, Jim Coffey, Soldier Kearns, Boer Rodel, Jim Stewart, Tom McMahon, Tony Ross, Andre Anderson, Gunboat Smith, Fred Fulton, Joe Cox and Fred McKay. Even Jim Corbett, onetime champion, got mixed up with the gold rush and came forward with Tom Cowler, whose recommendations other than those advanced by Corbett were slim.

There was Al Roberts. There were blacksmiths, tinsmiths, truckers and plumbers. There were stone masons and circus performers, cowboys, professional strong men and wrestlers. Even a movie actor, Vic McLaglen. And forget not Louis Fink, and Bull Young.

Willard was a cowboy, near an Indian reservation in Oklahoma. He was born there in December, 1883. Life with the steers did not entrance Big Jess and when he heard about the Big Money available for the grabbing in heavyweight boxing, he went in search of people who could steer him into it.

Willard was 28 years of age when he first put on a pair of boxing gloves in Tulsa in 1911. Imagine this. Four years later he was the world champion.

Willard fought for ham and eggs around Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri and then was advised to see a man named Billy McCarney in Springfield, Missouri.

Jess bummed his way there and saw McCarney, who was to move Eastward to New York and fame as a manager.

McCarney gave Jess a look-see and failed to discern greatness or its approach in the big cowboy. Billy turned him over to Jimmy Bronson.

Going none too well, and too often hungry, Willard eventually became a protege of star wrestler Charley Cutler, who was based in Chicago.

Cutler was bringing Jess along at a promising gait when Tom Jones, who had managed Ad Wolgast, stole Willard away. It was Jones who steered Big Jess into the title, and a fortune.

The Willard story is one of the most remarkable in the annals of the heavyweight division, but nobody yet has done a biography of the cowboy turned champion.

Not only the Willard story but the drama, travesty, tragedy and triumphs of the White Hope Era as a whole deserve a response by one of the veteran writers who went through it as observers.

If it were possible to conjure up a White Hope Era today, whom would we muster for the grand Caucasian effort? Perhaps the most impressive contender is not a heavy but a light heavyweight, Bob Foster, the champion, and he is a black man.

The highest ranked white heavyweight is Oscar Bonavena, the Argentine, who lost twice to Frazier but decked Joe twice in their first meeting. Ringo is rated fourth.

Jerry Quarry, George Chuvalo, Henry Cooper and Jose Urtain, are the only other white heavies among the Top Ten.

How many of these Caucasian entries are to be considered seriously in an imaginary White Hope drive?

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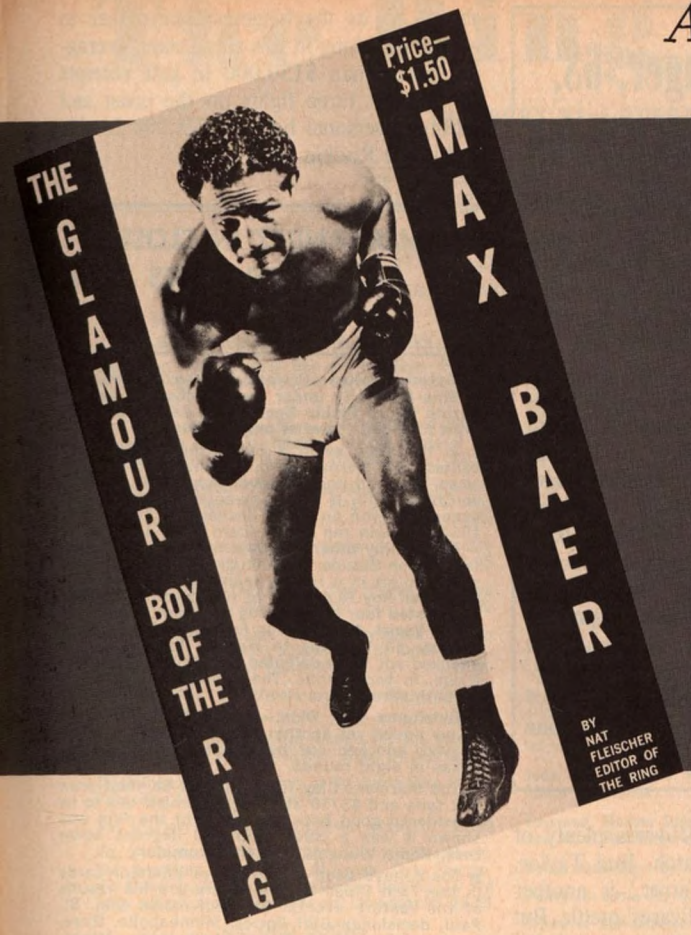

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By NAT FLEISCHER

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IS INCREDIBLE OLIVARES BEST BANTAM OF ALL?

(Continued from page 21)

Moving along into the pre-World War II era, Puerto Rico's first world champion, smart, sharp-hitting Sixto Escobar would have sold out Madison Square Garden against Olivares were he around today. This would also have been an intriguing match, not only in the ring, but in the audience with New York's combustible 'El Barrio' fight fans vying vociferously with the equally frenetic Mexican followers of the present champion.

Harry Jeffra, who won and lost the bantamweight title to Escobar, and Lou Salica, who succeeded him, were the last of the Italian-American line of bantamweight kings. Both shifty, competent boxers, either could have subjected the current titleholder to a stern test. Abe Goldstein, a shrewd sharpshooter and a titleholder of the post-World War I period, is also recalled by oldtimers, such as Charley Rose, as one who would have given Olivares plenty of trouble in a mythical match. Bud Taylor, the old 'Terre Haute Terror,' is another who would have tested Olivares' mettle. But these are all names from the dead and distant past. The urgency is for bantamweight opponents for Olivares at present and the supply is quickly disappearing. He has already challenged Johnny Famechon for the featherweight title and, at the moment, his future seems to depend on over-the-weight matches.

Fighting Harada is the most recent former bantam king to challenge for the featherweight crown, losing in a controversial contest against Famechon last year, but failing in a second chance early this year. Only three bantamweight rulers have gone on to become featherweight titleholders—Harry Jeffra, Terry McGovern and George Dixon.

Olivares' chances of making it a quartet look better than those of any 118-lb. king in decades, but it has been observed that hitting power diminishes against first class bigger men and he may have his work cut out for him.

The Mexican wonder has been described to the folks back East who have yet to see him either in the flesh or on television as a 'stand-up' boxer who can also be very aggressive when he turns it on. Off his record, he must be rated the hardest-hitting bantamweight of all time. The son of well-to-do parents, he differs from the Mexican aces of yore most of whom had trouble holding on to a dollar. Olivares' grip on hard currency is said to be viselike, a commendable trait for fighters. If these reports are true, he faces a happy future. Ruben shapes up as the biggest moneymaker to ever come along in this small class, averaging better than $150,000 in gate receipts for his last three fights on the coast and hitting a personal high of $75,000 for his end in the Rudkin affair.

Charley Belanger, 68, Was Canadian Champ

An industrious light heavyweight of the '20s and '30s, Charley Belanger was 68 when he died in his sleep in Pittsburgh, Pa.

A native of Winnipeg, Belanger held the Canadian championship, and his busy career carried him all over the United States and Canada. His top opponents included the likes of Maxie Rosenbloom, Leo Lomski, Lou Scozza, Tuffy Griffiths, Bingo Joe Banovic, Harold Mays, Larry Gains, Billy Jones, Joe Sekyra, Jimmy Slattery, Mickey Walker, Rosy Rosales, Art Wiegand, George Manley, Frankie Wine and George Nichols. A clever boxer and stiff puncher, Belanger's record was cluttered with knockout victories, and he was recognized as one of the finest campaigners ever to represent Canada in international ring competition.

HERNANDEZ IN CLOSE WIN OVER JONES

By George D. Blair

Waterloo, Iowa—Professional boxing returned to this Iowa city under the direction of veteran boxing figure Pinkie George. Pinkie's initial card drew a sparse crowd of only 770 fans.

In the main event a fast-paced middleweight contest, Art Hernandez of Omaha, Nebr., won a close 10-round decision over veteran T. J. Jones of Chicago, Ill. It was a revenge win for Art, as Jones had won an upset decision in St. Louis in 1967. The win ran Art's record to 38-13-2.

In the only other pro bout on the show, undefeated Ron Stander of Council Bluffs, Ia., ran his streak to six in a row by taking a one-sided decision over Roy Rodriguez of Kansas City. Stander has posted four kayos in his six wins.

▶ **Las Vegas, Nev.**—Aaron Eastling, 191, St. Paul, journey all the way to Nevada to get himself knocked out by undefeated Ken Norton, 207, San Diego, in two rounds. The defeat was Eastling's seventh career loss.

▶ **Oklahoma City, Okla.**—Lee Estes, Minneapolis heavy added yet another loss to his record when he was knocked out by Dub Manis of Abilene, Texas in eight rounds.

▶ The Marciano-Clay fight films in St. Paul drew 742 fans and $3710 at the gate, which has to be considered good because the night the film was shown it was a cold, wintry 20 degrees below zero. Eddie Williams was the promoter.

▶ There have been a number of amateur cards in the Twin Cities recently. Here are the results of the feature events: St. Paul—Mike Giel, St. Paul, decisioned Cliff Porter, Minneapolis, three, heavyweights. Minneapolis—Mark Hans, Minneapolis, decisioned Cliff Porter, Minneapolis, three, light heavyweights. St. Paul—Phil Skarda, St. Paul, decisioned Dan O'Connor, Rochester, three, middleweights. Minneapolis—Mark Hans, Minneapolis, decisioned Terry Roy, Minneapolis, three, light heavyweights.

▶ Tommy O'Laughlin, native St. Paulite, and long-time Twin City boxing figure, died recently in Portland, Oregon. Tommy promoted for a period of time in Minneapolis, and managed several boxers of note. Jackie Graves and Elmer Ray were the best known of Tommy's fighters.

▶ **Hibbing, Minn.**—The Golden Gloves team that will represent this northern region in the Upper Midwest tournament recently crowned the following champions. Heavyweight, Tom Stuper; 178, Ken Kenjalo; 165, Kevin Lawrence; 156, Bruce Clusion; 147, Dane Bailey; 139, Ricky Littlewolf; 132, Terry Sperling; 125, Mark Warner; 118, Tom Keppel; 112, Joe Jerkovich.

IT HAPPENED IN WATERLOO, IA.

By Thomas W. Lovgren

Civic Auditorium—Promoter Pinkey George tried to bring boxing back to life in Iowa as he staged a Pro-Am Card in Waterloo.

Two fistic veterans headed the card in a rematch of an earlier fight as Art Hernandez, 161, Omaha, Neb., won a unanimous decision over T. J. Jones, 161, Chicago, in a hard-fought 10-rounder.

The victory was sweet for Art as he had lost a split decision to T. J. earlier in his career. The first five rounds of the fight were nip and tuck as neither man could gain an advantage. But in the sixth, Art stepped up the pace on the inside and took the lead at that point.

In the later rounds, Art had T. J. in trouble numerous times but couldn't finish him off. Art has lots of experience at this point in his career and seems to be getting better in each fight.

In the other pro fight on the card, Omaha KO artist Ron "Butcher" Standar, 215, was forced to travel the full six rounds in his fight with Roy Rodrigues, 240, Kansas City, as he pounded out a win by decision. The Butcher dropped Rodrigues three times in the fight but could not put him away.

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TROTMAN A THREE-TIME LOSER

By Frank Allnutt

Toronto—Panama-born Trottman ended up a three-time loser in a scheduled 10-round fight with Toronto's unbeaten Clyde Gray at the Concert Hall of the Royal York Hotel.

At the end of five rounds on all three official scorecards, Gray was slightly ahead on points. At the bell which ended the fifth, Trottman walked to the corner where referee Sammy Luftspring was standing and started to complain in a soft drawl about his refereeing of the fight. Referee Luftspring ordered Trottman to return to his corner. Trottman then let loose a looping right hand punch which connected with the referee's chin. In an effort to defend himself and before anyone could enter the ring, Luftspring let loose with a flurry of hard short punches which had Trottman backing up. One hook thrown by the former Canadian welterweight champion opened up Trottman's left eye. Humberto's second jumped into the ring to wrap his arms around him and drag him away. Trottman drew an automatic disqualification. Minutes later he was suspended by Ontario Athletic Commissioner, Merv McKenzie.

Had there been a suitable substitute on hand, Trottman would not have fought Gray. His contract called for a weight of 153, give or take a pound, Trottman weighed in at 170. Gray scaled 151. As the four previous fights had ended in quick knockouts, in order to help out the promoter and give the fans a fight, Gray was willing to go ahead with the match.

Trottman, a journeyman fighter since 1961 and a 19-pound weight advantage, was inclined to take Gray lightly during the first round, letting the Toronto fighter carry the fight to him. In rounds two and three, when Gray started to outbox Trottman and beat him to the punch, it was then the New York-based fighter realized he had a fight on his hands. During the next two rounds, in an effort to slow down his younger, sharp punching opponent, Trottman started to use his weight to 'lay-on' and rough up Gray. To his surprise, Gray not only handled himself very well inside but nailed Trottman with some hard, clean shots which, if the weights had been equal, probably would have dropped him. When Trottman found he was making no headway with Gray, he obviously decided to see if he could do better with the referee. He lost again. His purse money was held up by the Commission and at a hearing the next day he was fined and suspended. Ontario Athletic Commissioner McKenzie called the W.B.A., asking them to make the suspension world wide.

A second New York fighter was suspended on the same evening when Joe Alexander refused to go through with his heavyweight fight with Paul Nilsen (Toronto) claiming he did not feel well. After a medical examination by the commission doctor who pronounced him fit to fight, Alexander still refused to fight. He has been suspended by the Ontario Athletic Commissioner.

Nilsen (200) had little chance to show anything when Joe Williams, 250, of New York substituted for Alexander. He almost survived the initial round, being tagged with a hard right to the mid-section in the closing seconds. Williams took an eight count. At the bell he was complaining of an injured ankle and could not continue. Nilsen was awarded the contest on a second round TKO.

In other bouts, Bob Bozic, 195, won by TKO over Al Hugley, New York, at 2:04 of the third; Aldo Carelli, 166, Toronto, won by TKO over Kokee Harris, 154, Toronto, at 34 secs. of the second; Ron Eduardo, 159½, stopped Carl Caruso, 151, Toronto, on a TKO at 1:21 of the third.

► **Montreal**—Joey Durelle, 154, Montreal, won a unanimous decision over 10 rounds against Colin Fraser, 150, Toronto, at the Paul Sauve Arena, as 2,822 fans were in attendance. Durelle is not the most popular fighter in the Montreal area these days and at the end of ten hard-fought rounds, the official decision, with scoring on the five point must system read, 49-46, 48-46 and 48-45 in favor of Durelle. The fans booed the decision.

For the first five rounds Durelle fought his kind of fight—in close, banging away to the body and head. From rounds six to eight, to the fans' surprise, he started to box Frazer. The fans got on his back when Fraser was forced to chase Durelle for a couple of rounds during which he failed to land any effective punches.

In the final two rounds, Durelle reverted to his old style and held his own with the ever aggressive Fraser. This was a hard tune-up fight for Durelle who has a rematch for the title with Donato Paduano in Montreal.

Other results: Chyslain Pelletier won a unanimous decision after six over Luigi Galavita; Michel Godin won TKO at 1:18 of the third over Luigi April; Clermont Bureau won a six-round decision over Jean Claude Lemay. The eight round semi-final was brief. Gerald Ratte looked sharp in scoring a KO at 2:15 of the second round over Luc Pivin. Pivin was out cold. All fighters were from the Montreal area.

► **Edmonton**—Johan Louw, Edmonton, had little trouble in winning a unanimous 10-round decision in his middleweight match with Walter 'Valentine' Kelly, Toronto. Before only 937 fans at the Sales Pavillion, Louw had little trouble racking up his 10th consecutive win, there were no knockdowns and the official cards read 49-41, 49-45 and 48-43, all in favor of Louw.

► **Toronto**—at 2:47 of the initial round, with a hard short right hand punch to the rib cage just below the heart, Clyde Gray, 149, Toronto's upbeaten welterweight, racked up his 20th pro win when Luigi Colovita, 153½, Montreal, was counted out by referee Harry Davis.

Colovita, who came into this fight with a 23-3 pro record, like Gray, was in great physical condition. For the first two minutes in which both fighter were "feeling" each other out, it appeared that a good fight was in the making.

Gray, carrying the fight to Colovita, kept busy with both hands but the Montreal fighter kept Gray alert with some accurate left hand leads. The first hard punch of the fight, thrown by Colovita, caught Gray above the eye. Seconds later, the Toronto fighter dropped his man with a hard right. Colovita, in great pain, had no chance of beating the count and had to be assisted to his corner. The quickness and power of the punch caught him cold. This was a fine win for Gray but a great disappointment to both Colovita and 7,034 fans on hand who had paid for the closed circuit showing of the Frazier-Ellis fight.

With an unbeaten streak of 20 wins to his credit, Gray will have to wait in line for a Canadian title match with Donato Paduano, who has several matches lined up for this year. So far Gray does not appear to be on the waiting list.

RING NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA

By Ray Mitchell

N.S.W. middleweight Tony Mundine, 159½, served notice on Australian title-holder Billy Choules, 161½, of South Australia, that his title was in jeopardy when he scored a fourth-round KO over Choules at the Melbourne Festival Hall. Mundine looked very impressive and seems certain to repeat the short-cut win when they meet for the title.

► Rising N.S.W. feather Rino Rico, coming in surprisingly heavy at 132, gained a narrow points win over Queensland Aboriginal Doug Mooney, 133, in the eight-round headliner at South Sydney Junior League Club, Kingsford. It was a two-man war and referee Vic Patrick's decision met with a mixed reception.

► Two weeks later Greg McNamara, 164, and Bernie Hourigan, 159½, staged a gruelling contest at the same venue, with McNamara winning on points. The bout kept the fans on their toes throughout. McNamara comes from Newcastle, Hourigan from Canberra.

► Two weeks later, Paul Bink, 138, of Sydney, gave a champion's performance in his contest with Kevin Eggleton, 136, of Newcastle. Bink's improvement from his last bout was astounding. There can be no doubt that this boy will win an Australian title in the near future, if he gets his chance. Bink dominated Eggleton and I counted out the Newcastle lad in the 8th round.

► Australian flyweight champion Harry Hayes, 112¼, was far too superior for Filipino Sid Vicera, 113½, at the Melbourne Velodrome, and ran out an easy points winner over 12 rounds. Promoter Bill Long has high hopes for Hayes and will match him with British champion John McCluskey for the vacant British Empire flyweight title.

► The following week, at the same venue, Gilberto Biondi, 135¾, Italy, easily outpointed Filipino Rudy Gonzales, 136½, over 10 rounds.

► Queensland puncher Paul Lovi, 144, dominated Victorian tough-guy Jack Kriss, 143, finally stopping him in the fifth round. A cut eye brought the stoppage but Kriss had no chance of victory by the end of the bout, held at the Caulfield RSL Club.

► Later at the same venue, Australian-domiciled Greek Dimitri Michael, 157½, outpointed Bernie Hourigan, 158, over 10 rounds in a gruelling but not spectacular fight.

► Sydney Stadium opened its 1970 account with a return between Australian welter champion Alan Moore, 150, and Tongan Righting Fifita, 149½. There two engaged in a hard bout six months earlier with Moore winning on points. Moore again won on points but the contest fell far below expectations.

► One week later, Sydney Stadium again opened its doors, this time headlining Australian heavyweight, Foster Bibron, 198½, and Fijian, Filimoni Naliva, 197½. Bibron, normally a clever boxer, did not seem able to keep Naliva away from him for long and in the third round a series of block-busters, culminating in a left swing to the jaw, dropped Bibron for nine. He regained his feet but was in no condition to continue so referee Jimmy Carruthers stopped the fight.

► At Eastern Suburbs Leagues Club, Bondi Junction, Dick Blair, 11.2, met New Zealander Fred Taupola, 11.4¾, over 15 rounds. The promoters came up with the weird billing: "Australasian TV Middleweight Title", whatever that means. The Australiasian middleweight champion is Billy Choules, but the "TV" bit evidently was the promoter's concession to that fact. It was Blair all the way. Taupola took plenty until Jimmy Carruthers finally came to his rescue in the 10th round.

► Australian bantamweight champion Paul Ferreri, 117¾, surprisingly was taken all the way and given a reasonably hard fight by Canberra bantam Norm Britton, 118, at HSV7 TV studios, South Melbourne. Ferreri won the eight-rounder on points.

► Other results of the month South Newcastle Leagues Club, Ron McLean, 145, drew with Tony Zurvos, 149, over eight.

Brendon Jackson, 156, stopped Frank Roberts, 153, due to a cut eye, but Jackson always was in control at HSV7.

South Melbourne, Barry McManus, 125, outpointed Ken Carmody, 126, over eight at Cronulla Workingmen's Club and later repeated, this time over 12 rounds.

Jackson McQuade, 164, KO 3 over Tom Edgar, 164, at South Melbourne.

Joe Attard, 163. KO 8 over Leo Brennan, 172, at Mt. Isa.

Ron McLean, 145, outpointed Johnny Lithgoe, 145, over eight at Kingsford.

NEWS FROM THE CANADIAN MARITIMES

By Fred Bishop

Dartmouth, N.S.—Lawrence Hafey, 136, Stellarton, N.S., took a step nearer a Canadian title go with champion Al Ford as he pounded out a split decision over 10 rough rounds against veteran Walter "Peanuts" Arsenault, 144, Summerside, P.E.I., at Shannon Plaza.

A good crowd of 450 paid over $1000, a good success for young promoter Les Sprague in his first start. Hafey was inside Peanuts' wild swings most of the fight and countered with sharp jabs and right crosses to be well ahead at the finish. The judges' scores were: LeRoy Jones, Arsenault, 45-42, and Jimmy Crowdis, Hafey, 45-44. Referee Bobby Hesson scored it Hafey, 50-40.

In the semi-final, scheduled for six, Vic Doucette, 146, Dartmouth, wasted no time as he gave a thorough drubbing to Aubrey "Workout" Brown, 143, Preston, N.S. and stopped him with a minute left in the first round.

In fours: Maritime bantamweight champion, Art Hafey, 117, Stellerton, was dropped twice in the first before coming back to ice Eddie Paris, 123, New Glasgow, at the 1:54 mark of the first with a wild right smash in the most exciting match of the card.

In the opener, Warren Lowe, 150, Dartmouth, stopped Dave McDougall, 141, Cow Bay, midway through the third of a bloodbath. In another, Jimmy Graham, 182, looked sharp in stopping Chuck Richards, 173, in the second, both boys from Dartmouth.

► **Halifax, N.S.**—The old City received a black eye as a good promotion by LeRoy Jones was called off when Dave Downey, Canadian middleweight champion, weighed in at 165 pounds in a scheduled 10-round affair with Freddie Martinovich. Downey's braintrust had signed for him to come in at 158 pounds or under, and the Halifax Athletic Commission, under newly appointed chairman Jerry Spears would have none of it and called the card off. Martinovich came in at 155½. Martinovich's co-managers, Sam McGee and old pro Tony Galento, were very upset but it was the first cancellation in Halifax in 40 years due to an over-the-weight clause.

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BOXING IN THE ● REPUBLIC OF MEXICO ●

By Eduardo Amer G.

Tijuana, Baja California—In a very big upset, Hisamu Nitta, 125, of Japan, technically stopped Silverio "Chamaco" Ortiz, 125, in the very first round. The end came at forty seconds of the opening round. Lupe Ramirez, 133, TKO'd Elias Vargas, 130, in six. Jose Luis Blatazar, 142, TKO'd Mario Marquez, 141, in eight.

► **Mexico, D. F.**—Raul Rodriguez, 151, TKO'd Fate Davis, 146, of USA, in nine. Manuel Ramirez, 117, TKO'd Juan Rodriguez, 117, in the second. Urbano Davila, 125, iced Ray Lazo, 126, in one. Enrique de la Cruz, 111, won by a disqualification f rom Chucho Benitez, 111, in 3. Javier Lugo, 116, won from Justiniano Ruiz, 116, in four.

► **Mexico, D. F.**—Octavio "Famoso" Gomez, 113, TKO'd Jose Manuel "Raton" Osuna, 113, Dominican Republic, in six. Rogelio Lara, a promising bantam fighter, destroyed Arturo Leon, 116, in only two rounds. Salvador Medina, 124, and Enrique Lima, 125, drew in 10. Eleazar Delgado, 124, TKO'd Peofirio Vazquez, 124, in 2. Jose Santamaria, 134, lost to Antonio Berrios, 134, in four.

► **Tijuana, Baja California**—Rafael Herrera, 117, halted Yoshiaki Suda, 117, in three. Ex-olympic Al Robinson, 134, USA, bombed Crisanto Valenzuela, 136, in two. Rosendo Ruvalcaba, 124, TKO'd Chuy Vega, 124, in three.

► **Merida,Yucatan**—Jose "Dinamita" Hernandez, 126, TKO'd Panchito "Guaracha" Martinez, 126, in the eighth round. Juan Rudy Granados, 108, lost to Miguel Canto, 105, in 10. Vicente Pool, 110, TKO'd Cotorrita Rodriguez, 112, in five. Rufino Gallegos, 108, defeated Virgilio Estrella, 109.

► **Guadalajara, Jalisco**—Alfonso "Coneja" Aguirre, won by a TKO over Marcos Gomez, 138, in only three rounds. Elias "Pichon" Morales, 124, TKO'd Felix Castañeda, 124, in the opening round.

► **Monterrey, Nuevo Leon**—Rogelio Fernandez, 125, lost by a disqualification to Clemente Sanchez, 127, in five. Arturo Peña Duque, 125, embalmed Pilo Rodriguez, 124, in three.

► **Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas**—Ray Romero, 117, iced Alex Leon, 119, in one. Ney Gordillo, 112, put "Cuervo" Herrera, 112, to sleep in the first round.

► **Mexico, D. F.**—Ray Reyes, 149, TKO'd Mauro Galvan, 154, in 7. Valentin "Duende" Martinez, 112, TKO'd Goyo Martinez, 117, in six. Felipe San Martin, 124, decisioned Eleazar Delgado, 125, in eight. Jorge Mejia, 124, TKO'd Antonio Alonso, 125, in three. Jesus Cuica, 111, TKO'd Antonio Leon, 112, in two.

► **Cuernavaca, Morelos**—Paco Gomez, 113, TKO'd Jose "Pinocho" Vallejo, 112, in seven. Tommy Gonzalez, 117, TKO'd Alvaro Millán, 118, in five.

► **Manzanillo, Colima**—Ramon Rodriguez, 124, lost to Jose Luis "Frijol", Madri, 125, in 10.

► **Mexico, D. F.**—Jorge Reyes, 116, whipped Memo Espinosa, 116, in 10. Felipe Lopez, 123, won from Jose Ostia, 124, in eight. Guillermo Hernandez, 117, knocked out Toño de Jesus, 116, in 10.

► **Acambaro, Guanajuato**—Lorenzo "Halimi" Gutierrez, 112, nailed Jose Ramos, 111, in three.

► **Acapulco, Guerrero**—San Chavez, 112, outpointed Ramiro Garcia, 113, in 10. Antonio Pino, 124, TKO'd Tomas Herrera, 123, in nine.

► **Merida, Yucatan**—Jose Medina, 116, got the duke over Al Espiritu, 115, in 10. Mike Heman, 116, TKO'd "Albañil" Huerta, 117, in seven. Babe San Martin, 117, TKO'd Rayito Gonzalez, 120, in six. Kid Copetes, 108. bested Mike Albornoz, 108, in six. Polvorita Contreras, 108, halted Baby Salazar, 109, in two.

► **Mexicali, Baja California**—Alejandro "Cordobes" Lopez, 117, outscored Manuel Bernal, 116, of Venezuela, in 10. Hilario Morales, 149, beat Fabian Leyva, 146, in 10. Pedro Bendek, 125, Colombia, outpointed Martin del Campo, 124, in 10. Ruben Correa, 119, TKO'd Pedro Reyes, 119, in five. Roberto Tirado, 121, stopped Antonio Hernandez, 123, in four.

► **Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas**—Tito Penagos, 119, **TKO'd "Cachorro" Palacios, 120, in five. Ney Gordillo, 111, TKO'd Javier Gomez, 112, in five.**

► **Mexico, D. F.**—Sensational Romeo Anaya, 117, kayoed Raul Bolaños, 117, in only two rounds. Pancho Muñoz, 124, defeated Tomas Frias, 124, in 10. Juan "Ranita" Robles, 113, decisioned Chano Rodriguez, 114, in 10. Jose Luis Valencia, 124, knocked out Jose Morales, 115, in four.

► **Mexico, D. F.**—Clemente Muciño, 124, bested Pedro Dominguez, 124, in 10. Cesar Ordoñez, 117, outpunched Chano Bustos, 117, in eight. Delfino Rodriguez, 121, whipped Alfredo Gallegos, 122, in six. Jose Lugo, 124, and Lalo Martinez, 124, drew in six. Pascualito Velendia, 113, won from Jose Luis Luna, 114, in four.

► **Merida, Yucatan**—Baby Ricalde, 123, scored a points win at the expense of Delio Candela, 126, in 10. Miguel Canto, 107, and Joe Calvario, 113, in ten. Mario Osalde, 124, triumphed over Juan Padilla, 122, in 10. Rufino Gallegos, 111, beat "Cotorrita" Rodriguez, 112, in six.

► **Acapulco, Guerrero**—Alex Olguin, 144, TKO'd Elias Correa, 148, in six. Jesus Padilla, 145, stopped Angel Medel, 145, in two. Maleno Calleja, 118, halted Silvestre Pino, 117, in six.

► **Guadalajara, Jalisco**—Mario Diaz, 135, outscored Chucho Almazan, 125, in 10. Felipe Vaca, 147, iced Panchito Zamudio, 146, in one.

► **Monterrey, Nuevo Leon**—Ricardo Patiño, 123, TKO'd Jose Eleuterio Luna, 122, in six. Lucio del Rio, 115, won by a disqualification from Monito Diaz, 114, in two.

► **Mexicali, Baja California**—Leobardo "Polvorita" Calderon, 117, TKO'd Alfredo Sandoval, 117, in two. Rosendo Ruvalcaba, 145, stopped Chito Felix, 144, in two. Jesus Mariscal, 118, knocked out Beto Nungaray, 118, in seven.

► **La Paz, Baja California**—Cuco Chavez, 113, kayoed Victor "Pajaro" Plascencia, 112, in three. Manuel "Botas" Gomez, 124, TKO'd Humberto Reyes, 123, in four.

► **Manzanillo, Colima**—Super veteran Bernabe "Babe" Vazquez, 135, TKO'd Benjamin "Benny" Agraz, 133, in four.

► **Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas**—Ney Gordillo, 112, destroyed Victor Manuel Espinosa, 111, in one. Roque Sanchez, 112, and Ismael Morales, 111, drew in 10. Vicente Vidal, 111, won from Zito Meza, 111, in eight.

► **Mexico, D. F.**—Angel Macias, 124, TKO'd Lupe Carrera, 125, in nine. Armando Calderas, 134, stopped Pedro Lozano, 135, in three. Jorge Mejia, 113, TKO'd Francisco Santamaria, 114, in two. Joaquin Valdez, 114, polished off Federico Correa, 115, in the opening round. Antonio Torres, 121, iced Jesus Diaz, 119, in one.

► **Acapulco Guerrero**—Rosalio Mendiolea, 122, decisioned Memo Rodriguez, 120, in 10. Chucho Aparicio, 118, flattened Agapito Candela, 119, in five. Agustin Linares, 118, TKO'd Irineo Torres, 118, in four.

► **Guadalajara, Jalisco**—Pablo Vega, 117, TKO'd Pedro Cordero in the first round. Chilo Ortega, 117, was stopped by Jose Merced Rodriguez, 118, in two.

► **Monterrey, Nuevo Leon**—Jose Luis "Maestrito" Lopez, 117, TKO'd Chuy Rocha, 118, in eight. Victor Rocha, 114, TKO'd Paco Pizaña, 115, in seven rounds.

► **Culiacan, Sinaloa**—Raul Noria, 114, put Mike Estrada, 113, to sleep in six. Ranita Romero, 113, decisioned Leoncio Ortiz, 112, in 10.

► **Mexicali, Baja California**—Manuel Fierro, 144, TKO'd Takushi Iwase, 142, of Japan, in seven. Ignacio "Zurdo" Piña, 124, won the decision from Hector "Cuervo" Hernandez, 125, in 10. Monito Rosales, 114, TKO'd Jose Luis Estrada, 115, in two.

► **Tijuana, Baja California**—Ricardo Delgado, 112, TKO'd Luis "Lumumba" Estaba, 112, in nine. Jesus Monsreal, 129, TKO'd Antonio Roldan, 132, in eight. Delgado and Roldan were champions of last Olympic Games.

► **Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas**—Belisario "Panterita" Hernandez, 111, whipped Maximiliano "Machi" Benitez, 111, in 10. Ramiro Flores, 110, lost by a TKO to "Lobito" Dominguez, 112, in seven.

► **Mexico, D. F.**—Mario "Diabla" Garcia, 112, won an unpopular decision from Alberto "Costeñito" Morales, 112, who was undefeated, in 10. Jose Palacios, 145, halted Dario Anguiano, 143, in four. Francisco Robledo, 121, stopped Jose Luis Quintero, 120, in two. Jose Luis Martinez, 115, outscored Jorge Cordero, 114, in six. Leon Meza, 118, iced Jaime Moreno, 119, in one.

Milwaukee Loses Two Boxing Personalities

Two of Milwaukee's most noted boxing personalities were counted out within a few days of each other when the passing of Billy Mitchell, 79, brother-manager of Richie and Pinkey, was followed by the final count over Gus Christie, 78, a top-rated middleweight of the World War I era.

The highlights of Billy Mitchell's managerial career were Richie's and Pinkey's battles with world lightweight champion Benny Leonard. Both brothers lost, but gave creditable accounts of themselves, Richie in New York and Pinkey in Chicago. Billy later turned to promoting in Milwaukee, and operated a sporting goods store there. He also was a local correspondent for The Ring Magazine.

Christie hooked up with best middleweights and light heavyweights of his era, his opponents including Mike and Tom Gibbons, Harry Greb, Jimmy Clabby, Jack Dillon, George Chip, Eddie McGoorty and Billy Miske. His final bout, against Miske, was a bloody affair, and Christie, already blind in one eye, lost the sight of his other optic. Surgery subsequently corrected his vision, but for the rest of his life he wore heavy glasses.

ORSOLICS SCORES TKO OVER ● KLEIN IN NINE ROUNDS ●

By Leo Vollnhofer

Vienna, Austria—Despite TV, 11,000 fans saw the European title bout between Austria's European champion Johann Orsolics, 146, and German champion Klaus Klein, 145. Orsolics won in nine.

It had to be postponed thrice. The former Viennese chimney sweep who came down with influenza, temporarily lost his manager-trainer, Karl Marchart, to a severe heart attack, and who married on December 13, proved himself in top condition and stopped Klein.

Klein maintained a commanding position for six rounds. Southpaw Orsolics had to give his utmost to keep Klein at bay.

The sixth round was the last in which Klein had an even chance. In the seventh and eighth Orsolics landed telling blows, cutting the German's cheek bone in the eighth. In the ninth round, both fighters unleashed frantic rallies, with the German suffering a severe cut on his right eyelid. Luxembourg referee Tey Kayser rescued the German and led him to his corner.

Cemal Kamaci, Turkey, 146½, had a hard task to outpoint Angel Robinson Garcia, 144, in eight rounds.

Austrian middleweight champion Peter Marklewitz was lucky to get the nod after 12 rounds, against Vid Stilija.

Helmut Stary became the new Austrian welterweight champion by trouncing Oswald Lang in 12. Cruisers Anton Schnedl and Karl-Heinz Klein shared a six-rounder. Heavy Ferenc Kristofcsak knocked out Emil Svarcek in two.

● BOXING IN COLOMBIA ●

By Luis A. Gonzales

Medillin—Elias Lian, returning to boxing, was knocked out by Juan Evangelista Cordoba in the first round. It was Cordoba's debut.

Alfonso "Peludo" Arnedo won over Guido Hernandez in the semi-final. The bout ended in the seventh round. They are lightweights.

Hugo Barraza, Cartagena bantam, continued his winning streak, stopping Kid Barranquillia in the first frame. A gathering of 3,000 saw the bouts.

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"PEPPER" ROMERO WINS ● 23rd IN ROW ●

By Paulie Cook

Tacoma, Washington—Inigo Lucchessi put on a really fine boxing show at the College of Puget Sound Field House. His feature bout, Lee "Pepper" Romero, 145, of Tacoma, vs. Andy Anderson, 146, of Seattle, lasted only 35 seconds of the first round. "Pepper" ran from his corner and caught Anderson with two lightning-like left hooks (a double hook) and caught Anderson with a hard overhand right as he fell.

Anderson did not move for almost three minutes after the referee had tolled the 10 count. Romero has now won 23 in a row. Of these, 16 have been either by the KO or the TKO route. Romero times his punches well and can hit with either hand. He holds the Pacific Northwest welterweight championship and plans to defend it against the Western Canada champion, Les Vegas, in his next fight.

Lucchessi has been promoting boxing in the Northwest for 17 years. He has had big ones such as Pat McMurty vs Ezzard Charles and McMurty vs Willie Pastrano (twice). He has also used Tony Doyle and Eddie Cotton.

If the main event between Romero and Anderson was too short for the fans, Lucchessi's three other bouts had the fans cheering from start to finish.

In the opener, Terry Hinke, 204, Springfield, Oregon, scored a KO over Pinto "Duke" Spears, 209, in the sixth round. It looked as if the veteran Spears had the fight well in hand for the first three rounds and was taking his time in putting the youngster away. In the fourth, the Oregonian landed some good shots to the body and stood toe to toe with the Californian. In the fifth, Hinke got off some bombs to the chin and started an offense of his own. Spears was weakening as the body shots took their toll.

When the bell ended the fifth, Spears was reeling and walked wearily to his corner. In the sixth, Hinke took up right where he left off. With the round drawing to a close, Hinke landed a powerful blow to the button and that was it. The referee could have counted to 100.

Davy "Hardrock" Rogers and Chester "Chet" Davis fought a thrilling draw. It was a hammer and tongs affair all the way with blood on both battlers. After an even first two rounds, Davis had Rogers in trouble in the third. But in the fourth, it was Davis who was being counted over. It looked as if he would not beat the count but somehow he gained his feet and finished the round. The fifth saw Rogers shoot for the kill, but he could not pull it off and tired himself to the point of exhaustion. In the final round, both boys fought toe to toe until the final bell. Rogers is the brother of Billy "Athletic" Rogers. They hail from North Bend, Oregon.

In the other six-rounder Ed Ostipovich, 172, TKOd Sonny Dick Davis, 163, in the second round. It was a good win for Ostipovich, who lost his last two fights to Buddy Rohrs and was knocked out by Ray Anderson, who at that time was ranked second in the world.

Lucchessi showed some new faces on this exciting card, which drew about 1700 fans.

NEW YORK'S MONTH ● THAT WAS ●

By Jersey Jones

What came close to new highs for attendance and receipts at a professional boxing promotion in New York City were established by the Joe Frazier-Jimmy Ellis heavyweight title bout in Madison Square Garden. The total turnout was 18,459, of which 17,958 paid, and the gross receipts of $645,996, less taxes and officials' pay, became a net of $611,838.

The attendance record for an indoor professional fight card in li'l old Bagdad-on-the-Subway, as O. Henry was wont to call Gotham, was set back in 1941 when 23,306 cash customers crowded into the previous M.S.G. to see Henry Armstrong and Fritzie Zivic battle for the world welterweight title.

The Frazier-Ellis affair, covered elsewhere in these pages by Nat Fleischer, was supported by a fine card of preliminaries.

In the semi-final ten, unbeaten Olympic champion George Foreman, 213, who divides his allegiance between Houston, Tex., and Hayward, Calif., had a rough time getting the decision over the veteran Gregorio Peralta, 197, Argentina. It was only the second time Foreman had gone the 10-round route, and he seemed to tire in the closing sessions, but he had piled up enough points in the early going to insure the verdict. Foreman proved one point—he can take a solid punch. The ringwise Peralta clipped him solidly several times, and opened a slight cut on the right side of the forehead, but the former Olympian survived the rough moments and went back at the South American with bombs of his own, and it was only Peralta's experience that kept him out of serious trouble. The decision stretched Foreman's professional winning skein to 16, of which all but three have been knockouts.

In sixes, Randy Neumann, 204, Cliffside Park, N.J., registered his seventh successive professional win by whipping a blubbery Tony Gagliardo, 214, the fighting cop of Deer Park, L.I., and Bob O'Brien, 164½, Bayside, L.I., decisioned Walter Opshinsky, 164, Scranton, Pa.

No figures are available on the revenue from the radio and closed-circuit televising of the Frazier-Ellis melee, but it probably wouldn't be too far out of line to guess that the total will be somewhere in the neighborhood of $1,500,000—a fairly fashionable neighborhood to be in.

DE OLIVERA, JOFRE WIN ● IN SAO PAULO, BRAZIL ●

By Bo Zaine

Sao Paulo—Young, undefeated flyweight Servilio De Olivera won once again by KO, when he stopped Laerson Silva, Rio de Janeiro, in the fourth round.

Servilio started out with good rights in the first and continued very strongly in the second. Between the third and the fourth rounds, the doctor stopped the fight in favor of De Oliveira, who now is 4-0-0, with three KOs.

Lightweight Jovino Rodriguez beat Joel Gomes on points in six. Feather Miguel Araujo outpointed Josafá Queiroz in four, and Joel Correa won from Francisco Silva in a bantam four.

▶**Sao Paulo**—Former bantam world champion Eder Jofre easily outpointed Italian Nevio Carbi over 10 rounds in a featherweight contest. Eder won all rounds except the first, which was even. The fight was dominated by Jofre's lefts. In the seventh, Carbi was down for the first time in his 50-fight pro career. It was a very good combination of lefts and rights that sank the strong Italian. In the latter rounds, Eder tried very hard to knock out his opponent, but Carbi managed to keep out of Eder's way. It was a good win for Eder, who now is seeking ranked opponents for his next fight.

Welter Miguel De Oliveira kayoed Victor Temoteo in the second round with a murderous right to the body.

Lightweight Galdino Santana outpointed José Evangelista in a dull six-rounder.

Amateurs José Rodriguez and Diogenes Pacheco went four rounds to a draw. They are lightweights.

● COLLEGE BOXING REPORT ●

By Mike Marley

Reno, Nev.—To paraphrase one-time Nevada newspaper editor Mark Twain, the reports of the death of college boxing have been greatly exaggerated.

University of Nevada, Reno, Chico State College and University of California, Berkeley, still maintain fistic programs as a part of their intercollegiate athletic set-up. All three are members of the California Collegiate Boxing Conference.

Stanford, despite the efforts of veteran mentor Ray Lunny, had to drop out of the CCBC before this season. But the Twelfth Naval District has filled in on CCBC schedules nicely, although the gobs are not league members.

Currently, the league is looking for new members and hopes to add at least two schools by next winter. Nevada mentor Jimmie Olivas reports several universities are interested in the program.

Chico State and Nevada are real tough this year while Cal has a few stickouts on its team. Chico's Wildcats, under Dr. Willie Simmons, have seven lettermen back and have beaten both Cal (twice) and Nevada (once) as this is written. The 'Cats have yet to face the Nevada Wolf Pack in Reno and the Nevadans still have to travel to Berkeley.

The league championships are set for Chico State soon. Nevada boxers will then go to the state tournament in Las Vegas and try to fight their way into the National AAU tourney.

By far the outstanding fighter in the league this year is Nevada middleweight Jim Berro, son of Boise fight promoter Al Berro.

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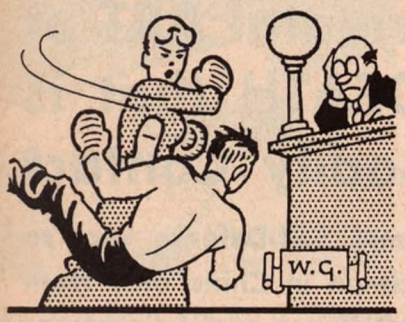
by Walter Galli



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WILHELMINA WEIMAN, a strapping widow and boarding-house keeper, entered a claim against prizefighter Stanton Abbott for $119.80 she said was due her for the use of her place as a training quarters. In a dramatic court room scene, she put on the gloves with Abbott—and then knocked him out with ONE punch!

···New Orleans, La.···

SAIJYO IN EASY WIN ● OVER CHILEAN STEVENS ●

By Joe Y. Koizumi

Tokyo—Fast featherweight Shozo Saijyo, the best attraction here in Nippon as well as the holder of the WBA title, scored a lopsided decision over Godfrey Stevens, Chile, in 15 rounds.

The import from Chile proved to be no match for Saijyo in power, speed, and especially aggressiveness.

The easy triumph of the 23-year-old speedster was his third defense of his WBA crown since dethroning Paul Rojas in 1968, Saijyo would have to meet and defeat Johnny Famechon, Australia's world champion, if he wants to boast of the No. 1 domination in the 126-pound world.

Fighting (Masahiko) Harada, the former flyweight and bantamweight titlist, announced his retirement from the ring officially. The last bout engaged in by the triple-crown seeker was a 14th-round kayo by the fancy Famechon in Tokyo this past January.

Another ex-champ who declared farewell to the game was Hiroyuki Ebihara, lefty flyweight puncher, whose injured hands finally forced him to hang up the gloves. Hiro lost to Bernabe Villacampo, Philippines, in a 15-rounder in Osaka last October.

In his ninth pro bout, Masataka Takayama, clever ex-Olympian, became the national lightweight titlist via a decision from Hidemori Tsujimoto in 10. A major upset was registered in Tokyo, as Orient light leader Jaguar Kakizawa was decisively defeated by Ishimatsu Suzuki, up-and-coming ex-Shinjin-O, in an overweight tenner.

Awarded a TKO win, because of his rival's bad gash after kissing the canvas last October, Ryu Sorimachi really turned the tables with a clear-cut kayo over Jo Tamai, left-handed prospect, in three. This time Ryu's national throne was at stake.

▶Shozo Saijyo, 125½, was a one-sided point winner over Chile's Godfrey Stevens, gamely dominating most of the 15-round contest before a packed house of 12,000 at Nippon Budokan, Tokyo.

Time and again did the Japanese have Stevens close to a kayo, but the 31-year-old loser refused to go down except in the 15th session, when Sho floored him for the mandatory eight. However, Stevens appeared to go down not because of the champion's punches, but because of the slippery canvas. In round one, Saijyo overwhelmed the newcomer as he went all out for the kill. Sho's powerful two-fisted attack piled up points easily and the prohibitive favorite was expected to finish the defensive Godfrey in the first half. Truly, Sho scored heavily with solid rights and had his shorter opponent reeling back to the ropes. But Stevens weathered the furious storm chiefly because of his peekaboo defense. It was in the fourth that the combatants drew blood from each other; Saijyo's left eyebrow and Stevens' right one. Sho's best talents were shown in rounds five, eight and nine, when he landed strong rights to Stevens' face, forcing the loser against the ropes.

His toughness and sly tactics on defense as well caused Stevens, 124¾, to come close to being knocked down several times.

Godfrey's strong recovery was such that he fought back to win the 12th session with body punches. Saijyo, having dominated the seven rounds up to the 11th canto, slowly exhausted his stamina in the last five. Sho's footwork and countering were effective weapons against the willing mixer. With more aggressiveness, the short-punching Stevens would have been a more dangerous opponent. The lanky Japanese, in the final stanza, giving it all he had, sent a wild barrage of punches and had the experienced hombre at bay. The unanimous score sheets were as follows: referee Morita, 74-64 and judges Ugo and Kato, 74-66 and 73-66 respectively, all for Saijyo. This reporter also saw the affair 74-66 for Sho.

▶Lion Furuyama, 143¼, national junior welter boss, had little trouble in demolishing Fel Pedranza, switch-hitting Filipino, 144½, in the second round at Korakuen Hall. The KO was due to Lion's solid left and Fel's glass jaw.

In the semi, ex-Shinjin-O Shigeyuki Koyama, 121¼, easily polished off Baron Kumazawa, 121, in two.

▶Orient junior middle titlist Hideo Kanazawa dropped Nap Flores, P.I., three times in succession to register a one-round KO at Korakuen Hall. Hide's looping right was the key. They each tipped the beam at 151 pounds.

▶The bantams showed hot action, but their mutual butt forced the third man to call a halt. Shuji Chiyoda, 118¼, won a technical nod from veteran lefty Akihide Tamaoka, 117½, in five at Korakuen Hall.

▶Slick-punching Masataka Takayama, 134½, proved too ringwise for a tricky Clay stylist named Hidemori Tsujimoto, 133¾, in wresting the lightweight crown of Nippon in 10 speedy heats at the Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium. Takayama cleverly outjabbed and outpunched the defending champ throughout the contest. The exchanges of their vaunted stinging lefts were well received by the 3800 spectators.

Rising Apollo Fumihara decked Norio Endo three times to earn a points win in a semi-windup eight. They are junior lightweights.

▶Southpaw Shin-ichi Kadota, 133¼, was annoyed by Jong-Soo Suk's right leathers, but came back to gain a duke at Korakuen Hall in 10. Suk, 131½, was no match for the scrappy Japanese.

▶Unbeaten lefty Cassius (Jun-ichi) Naito, 158¾, halted Thai old-timer Somklat Kiatmuangyom, 156, in the second round at Hiroshima Gymnasium. Naito, who has a Negro father and Japanese mother, hardly displayed his mobility, because his rival was disposed of so quickly.

▶Rugged puncher Rokuro Ishiyama, 128¾, suffered his third straight loss, as he was outclassed and outmaneuvered by Sumio Nobata, 129½, at Korakuen Hall in 10.

▶Bright featherweight hope Kuniaki Shibata connected well with his favorite combination to eke out an important victory over Felipe Torres, Mexico, in 10 monotonous rounds. A Korakuen Hall crowd saw Torres, a ballyhooed newcomer, absorb many punches but not much punishment because he was a peekaboo stylist. Kuni's specialty, a wicked left hook, often caught the tough guy's jaw.

▶A brutal rally of little punchers entertained the estimated 1500 fans at Korakuen Hall. Korean feather ruler Hyun Kim was a hairline points winner over Kenjiro Nakajima after a hard-fought 10-rounder. They each weighed 126½.

▶National welter leader Ryu Sorimachi successfully kept his laurels with an impressive kayo over Jo Tamai, a lefty footworker, in the third session at Korakuen Hall. Ryu's well-timed left sent Tamai down for the compulsory eight. Immediately Ryu dropped the inexperienced rookie with a flurry of vicious blows. Jo went down, and the third man declared an automatic stoppage. They scaled half a pound under the 147-pound welter limit.

▶Despite the superior reach of Sang-Yong Cho, Korean bantam boss, Shintaro Uchiyama, southpaw bantam champ of Japan, managed to batter Cho and pound out a unanimous verdict in 10 frames at Korakuen Hall. The champions scaled 118¾. In the semi-windup, Mikio Nakata knocked out Tetsuo Tachibana in two. They were hard-punching flyweights.

▶An annual event, the Final of All Japan Shinjin-O Tournament, took place at Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium. Among those who won the world ring honor after passing the 'Gate of Rookie' are Fighting Harada and Hiroshi Kobayashi. The finals were fought by the East-Japan winners vs. the victors of West and Central Shinjin-O meeting, in six rounds.

Flyweight: Yoshio Kajimoto, 111¾, won an unpopular nod from Yoshiki Suda, 111¾, in six.

Bantamweight: Hidenori Fukuchi, 116¾, stopped Kazunobu Asao, 117¾, in three. The technique prize went to the winner.

Junior featherweight: Yukio Kobayashi, a fast footworker at 122, beat Norito Fukumoto, 121½, in six.

Featherweight: Zensuke Utagawa outpointed Yoshihiko Ogawa in six. They each weighed 125¼.

Junior lightweight: Shoryu Watanabe, 129¾, scored a shutout win over Tsuyoshi Fuse, 128, in six.

Lightweight: Tiger Okamura and Junji Itonaga battled to a draw in six. According to the Shinjin-O rules, Okamura won the laurels by a one-point lead of summation of the officials' scores.

Junior welterweight: Eijo Okazaki, lefty dynamite puncher, dropped Hideo Tominaga three times and earned a decision in six. Okazaki was awarded the Best Shinjin-O Prize after a unanimous selection. The two fighters were 139½ pounds.

Welterweight: Fumio Funayama, 145¾, kayoed Masaru Takagi, 145½, in a dull and sluggish six rounds.

Middleweight: Kazuhiro Horiguchi, 157¾, scored a first-round KO from Jo,Takaguchi, 158¾ after each kissed the canva.

▶The government of Korea ordered the six fighters, now in Japan, to be back immediately, because they violated the permission that allowed the Korean ringmen to be in Japan only 15 days.

It is reported that the R.O.K. government seldom gives a permission to a Korean fighter who wants to try his hand abroad, chiefly because of the poor results of Koreans. In 1969, 12 fistic representatives engaged in 25 bouts, only five of which they won. Well-informed circles said that previous records accounted for the severe attitude of the Government.

▶Some of the outstanding papers in Japan praised the clean performance of Godfrey Stevens in spite of his lopsided defeat by Sho Saijyo in 15 rounds. Stevens was a 'good loser.'

▶Paul Fuji, former junior welter ruler of the world, returned to Japan after his treatment and training as well in Hawaii, his motherland. Paul, who had suffered a whiplash injury in an auto accident, has recovered and is to engage in a comeback contest in a month.

▶A real upset had the estimated crowd of 1500 on its feet. Oriental lightweight ruler Jaguar Kakizawa was outspeeded and outpunched by newcomer Ishimatsu Suzuki, at 136 and Shinjin-O winner of 1969, and dropped a close but unanimous nod in 10 hard-fought overweight rounds. The rising speedster, hitherto compiling 16-5-4 (10 KOs), gamely swarmed over the champ with a whiplash combination to take the three rounds in the first half. Suzuki moved fast enough to avoid Jaguar's overcome of points deficit. Though the Orient boss at 135¾ fought back all out to win two cantos, the official verdict went to the scrappy prospect. In the companion tenner Tatsuro Uchida, 113¾, whipped Tiger Yi, 116½.

COLTER WINS ● TUCSON FIGHT ●

By Al Fenn

Alton Colter, 130, Phoenix, put on a savage display of fistic fury, and put to sleep Cosby Fullbright, 135, in 1:38 of round two of a scheduled 10-rounder at the Tucson Sports Center.

In a co-feature, Frank (Paco) Flores, 145, Tucson, took one minute, 34 seconds to dispose of Ruben Leyva, 146, El Paso. Leyva carried the fight to Flores and it appeared Flores was in for a rugged night until a sharp left hook exploded on the chin of Leyva.

In a six-round preliminary, Ramon Flores, 145, Tucson, decisioned Johnny Mendoza, 142, El Paso. Dugan of Chicago and Kansas City. At 67, Kid Dugan is spry and he recalls winning the world title (he says) in 1922 from Newsboy Brown. There is nothing in the record books to substantiate the claim, however.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

ORBILLO, NAVARRO EACH WIN TWICE ON COAST

By DON FRASER

LOS Angeles—Mexico's Roberto Cervantes, a 10-7 favorite, flurried and jabbed his way to a split 10-round decision win over Shig Oki of Tokyo in an all action main event at the Olympic Auditorium.

Cervantes, one of Mexico's top amateur stars, was engaging in only his fourth pro bout and made it four straight. The hard nosed Latin took command early, dropped a couple of rounds, then took charge in the late rounds to insure victory.

Referee Larry Rozadilla scored it 8-3 and judge John Thomas, 6-3. The lone dissenter was judge Chuck Hassett, who favored Oki, 4-3.

Other results: Ernie Fierro, 162½, East Los Angeles, KO over Ted Lidgett, 160, Bakersfield, (5); Cliff Allen, 235, Long Beach, dec. Pat Duncan, 199, Carson City, Nev., (5).

► **San Diego**—Body punches did the trick for Joey Orbillo, 198, San Pedro, who stopped Al Banks, 199½, Dallas, in the fifth round of their scheduled 10-rounder at the San Diego Coliseum.

A left-right-left combination sent Banks to the canvas after 2 minutes, 32 seconds of the fifth. The Texan managed to beat the count, but was in no condition to continue and referee Frank Rustich stopped the fight.

The turnout numbered 2,318 and the gate was $3,000, which meant a slight winner for promoters Bill Miller and Mickey Davies.

Other results: Eddie Mazon, 127, San Diego, dec. Bobby Sedillo, 127, Santa Ana; Frankie Rodriguez, 146½, Santa Ana, dec. Turco Leyva, 147, San Diego; Terry Sater, 134½, Long Beach, KO over Speedy White, 136, Los Angeles, three.

► **Beverly Hills**—Boxing, British style, debuted at the Beverly Hills Hilton Hotel.

Laurie Lewis, late of Blackpool, Eng., presented a four-bout card to a well attired gathering of 1,500. The financial results were not too encouraging for Lewis as his gross gate was just around the $3,000 mark.

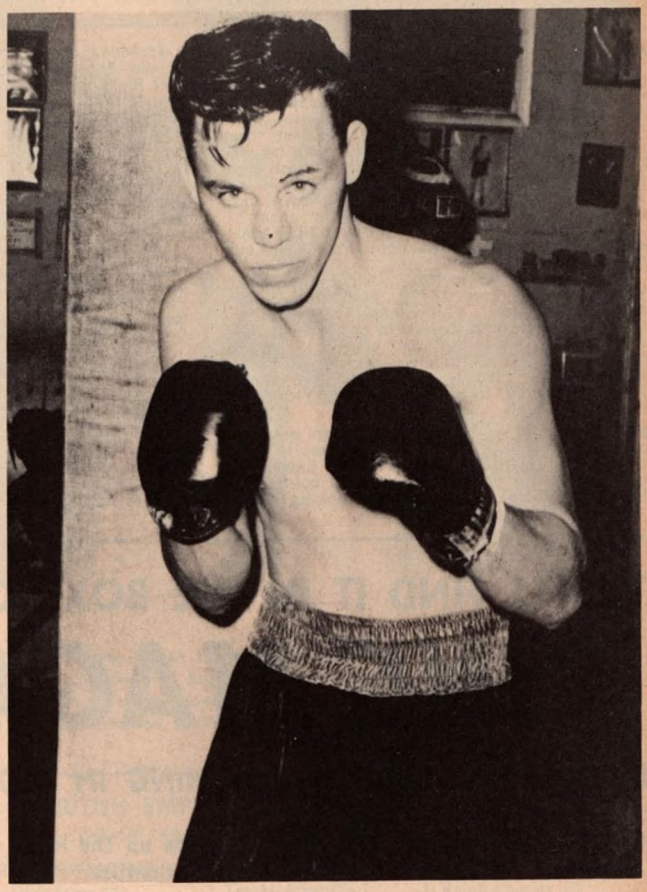
Joey Orbillo, well-liked San Pedro heavyweight, was hard pressed to outscore Ray Ellis 225, San Francisco, in the top 10-rounder. Orbillo weighed 199.

Ruben Navarro, 135½, East Los Angeles, landed with a barrage of punches in the third to knock out Chico Andrade, 135, Sonora, Mex. This was scheduled for ten.

Mike Quarry, 178½, Anaheim, younger brother of Jerry, nodded George Thomas, 192, Oakland, for the second time in an eight. Beto Maldonado, 131, San Fernando, stopped Billy Brown, 124½, Philippines, four.

► **San Jose**—Tough Miguel Hernandez, 147, Tijuana, Mex., came through with a smashing upset, taking a 10 round decision from Roberto Amaya, 148, Buenos Aires, at the Civic Auditorium. This was Amaya's first setback in the U.S.

Other results: Lalo Moreno, 137½, Mexico City, outpunched Roglio Tulonghari, 135, Manila, P.I., in a co-feature ten. Manny Alcala, 154, San Jose, dec. Lupe Aguilar, 155, Mexico, six.



IRISH FRANKIE CRAWFORD

►**Stockton**—State bantamweight champ Rudy Villagonza, 120½, Stockton and Manila, P.I., never gave Frankie Rodriguez, 120, Santa Ana, a chance to warm up. Villagonza came storming out to knock out Rodriguez in the first round at Civic Auditorium.

Tony Arceo, 147, Stockton, stopped Jose Barrasa, 146, Mexico, in the eighth round of their scheduled ten. In a six rounder, Joe Simon, 147½, Sacramento, dec. Manny Alcala, 148, San Jose.

► **Los Angeles**—It was a unique night for the officials. Referee John Thomas and judges Churk Hassett and Abe Cohen all agreed that David Sotelo of Cuernavaca, Mex., was a 5-4 point winner over Roger Boy Pedrano of the Philippines in the 10-round feature at the Olympic Auditorium.

An awkward type of boxer, Sotelo landed enough overhand rights to give him the narrow edge. There were no knockdowns. Sotelo weighed 127, Pedrano, 127½ *(Continued on page 62)*

MANRIQUE, PRUITT VICTORS IN HAWAII

By Ted Yamachika

Mario Manrique, 118¼, Mexico, beat Rudy Alarcon, 120, Philippines, in 10 at the HIC. Nationally ranked Alarcon started out strong but was unable to keep pace with Manrique's relentless attack. And this despite a gash on Manrique's forehead which bled profusely from the sixth round on.

In another 10, Al Ford, 134¼, Oregon, decisioned Fermin Soto Orozco, 132¾, Mexico.

The first card of the year drew 3877 fans and grossed $19,039.50.

Other results: Samurai Hagiri, 117¼, Japan, knocked out Rene Boy, 118, Philippines, in the fifth of six. Saburo Hitomi, 135, Japan, was held to a draw by Curley Aguirre, 137¾, Philippines, five rounds. Tetsuo Daigen, 135, Japan, knocked out Bob Mielke, 138, Honolulu, in the third of five.

▶Adolph Pruitt, 145¾, Los Angeles, beat Oscar "Shotgun" Alvarado, 145¼, Uvalde, Texas, in a torrid 10-rounder. Pruitt dominated the earlier rounds and piled up an almost insurmountable lead. However, Alvarado came back strong and had Pruitt on the defensive in the last three rounds. But just when things were going his way he became careless, and was floored for an eight count on a wild right by Pruitt for the only knockdown of the fight. With that went Alvarado's chances, however slight, of scoring an upset.

Proving once again that Pruitt is still the greatest draw in Honolulu, the fight drew 7,201 customers for a gross of $39,650.

Other results: Kojiro Koshikawa, 115½, Japan, beat Roger Moreno, 114½, Philippines, eight. Mar Yuson, 124¼, Philippines, TKOd Mustang Goda, 126, Japan, in the fourth of six. Goda, who was leading, suffered cut over eye. Walter Charles, 137, Los Angeles, decisioned Tetsuo Daigen, 136½, Japan, six rounds. Bob Mielke, 142½, Honolulu, beat Calvin Rivera, 145, Honolulu, four rounds.

▶Al Ford, 132½, Oregon, scored an easy win over Flash Gallego, 132¼, Philippines, in a 10-rounder at the HIC. The referee and judges had scores favoring Ford by eight to 10 points. Gallego came here with a national ranking but he showed very little and was beaten decisively by an unranked fighter. Honolulu fans have become very skeptical of fighters claiming titles and rankings.

Ray Adigun, 135, Los Angeles, was held to a 10-round draw by Estaban Favele, 133, Mexico. But all the sportswriters and likely most of the astute fans had Adigun a definite winner.

Other results: Seiji Terajima, 123, Japan, TKOd Jet Manasan, 122, Philippines, in the sixth and final round. Koichi Otomaru, 139¾, Japan, beat Bob Mielke, 141½, Honolulu, four rounds. Teddy Limoz, 167¼, Honolulu, TKOd Marijon Kolar, 168¾, Canada, in the second of four.

3788 fans paid $18,133.00 for this fight.

BACKUS HALTS ORTIZ IN EIGHTH ROUND

By Vince Jim Leo

Syracuse, N.Y.—Welterweight hopeful Billy Backus registered an eighth-round TKO victory over Ricky Ortiz, in a bout billed as being for the New York State welter championship. Ortiz had held Billy to a draw a few months earlier. The scheduled 12-rounder was halted at the end of the eighth when it was learned Ortiz had injured his right hand.

About a minute into the eighth, Ricky somehow lost the use of the hand and relied on swift dancing to finish out the stanza. Ricky made it a fight for the first couple of rounds. From the third on, Backus seemed in command. He kept after his foe and scored telling blows. Ortiz popped his right occasionally in Billy's face but Backus kept boring in. All three officials had Backus well in front when the contest was halted. Ortiz weighed 147 as did the victorious Backus.

In an exciting six-rounder, Johnny Harp, 144, Syracuse, battled to a draw against Herbie Walker, 145, Syracuse. Harp, former National AAU champ, performing in his fourth bout, and Walker, a clever boxer, had the crowd cheering all the way.

Tony Garcia, 141½, Puerto Rico, got a split nod over Bobby Horton, 141, Syracuse, over the six-round route. Both boys kept punching from start to finish. It was a very close contest.

Ron Edmonds, 163, N.Y., TKOd Emerito Morales, 166, Puerto Rico, at 1:31 of round one. After Morales had hit the canvas for the second time, referee Phillips stopped the scheduled six-rounder.

Joey Basilio, 130, of Canastota, stepped into action after a layoff, and earned the decision over George Lopes, 132, Syracuse, in the opening four-rounder.

The interesting evening of boxing, promoted by the Canastota Boxing Club, attracted 2200 fans who contributed $7000.

Carmen Basilio, recently voted into Boxing's Hall of Fame, received a thunderous standing ovation when introduced. Carmen keeps busy as a physical instructor at LeMoyne College in Syracuse.

▶Roy (Dutch) Stammer, popular boxing figure around Syracuse, N.Y., passed away recently at the age of 63. Dutch worked with such boxers as Nick Barone and Cliff Hart, among others.

FROM ALBERTA, CANADA

By Jacques A. H. Tachauer

Edmonton, Alberta—Larry Buck, light heavyweight contender from Seattle, Washington, gave a slim turnout of 1000 fans at the Sales Pavilion a brief glimpse of his wares as he trounced Sonny Floyd of Washington, D.C. Buck ended matters at 1:13 of round three of their scheduled ten-rounder.

On the same card, unbeaten local middleweight Johan Louw added Walter Kelly of Buffalo, N.Y. to his growing list of victims.

The transplanted South African decisively outscored his opponent over the 10-round route. If Louw is brought along with care he could develop into a fine fighter. He presently has his sights set on the Canadian 160-lb. champion Dave Downey of Nova Scotia.

In other bouts, Manuel Camey of Mexico outpointed Max Vigil of California in an eight-round featherweight match. Edmonton boys Terry Hayward and Eddie Krobel crossed gloves and the latter failed to come out for the third stanza of their middleweight go.

▶Local promoter Nick Zubray has ideas of getting Sonny Liston and George Chuvalo to headline a card in Calgary very shortly.

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BUCHANAN BOWS IN TITLE BID AS BRITISH PRESS HOWLS

By JOHNNY SHARPE

MADRID—Ken Buchanan, Scotland, British lightweight champion, was judged by Italian referee Piero Brambilla to have lost his quest for the European title after 15 interesting rounds, against Miguel Velazquez of Spain.

At the final bell, the ring was invaded by the excited partisans of Velazquez, who carried him aroud the ring while the referee stood in a neutral corner totaling up his score card. It was a full three minutes before the ring was cleared. Then referee Brambilla walked over to the Spaniard and raised his hand as the winner as the crowd went wild once again.

The majority of the British press who were at ringside opined that Buchanan was robbed of the decision, and that the Scot was at least three rounds ahead at the final bell.

Velazquez scored a clean knockdown in the ninth when he shot a short right to Buchanan's jaw. The latter sat on his pants for three, and rose to take a mandatory eight count from the referee.

Velazquez suffered cuts around the eyes and cheekbone, whilst Buchanan came out without a mark, facially.

Here are quotes from the British writers at ringside:

Peter Wilson, The Daily Mirror, "Buchanan was robbed."

Peter Moss, The Daily Mail, "I made the Briton winner by half a point."

Daily Telegraph, "Buchanan did enough to win."

Desmond Hackett, The Daily Express, "Buchanan was a clear winner."

The Guardian, "I failed to agree with the verdict."

Reg Gutteridge, The Evening News, "I gave Buchanan a three-round advantage."

The Times, "I could not possibly agree with the referee."

George Whiting, The Evening Standard, "A gunshot verdict. I scored 7-4 and 4 even in favor of Buchanan."

Colin Hart, The Sun, "Yet another disgusting miscarriage of justice towards a British fighter in Europe."

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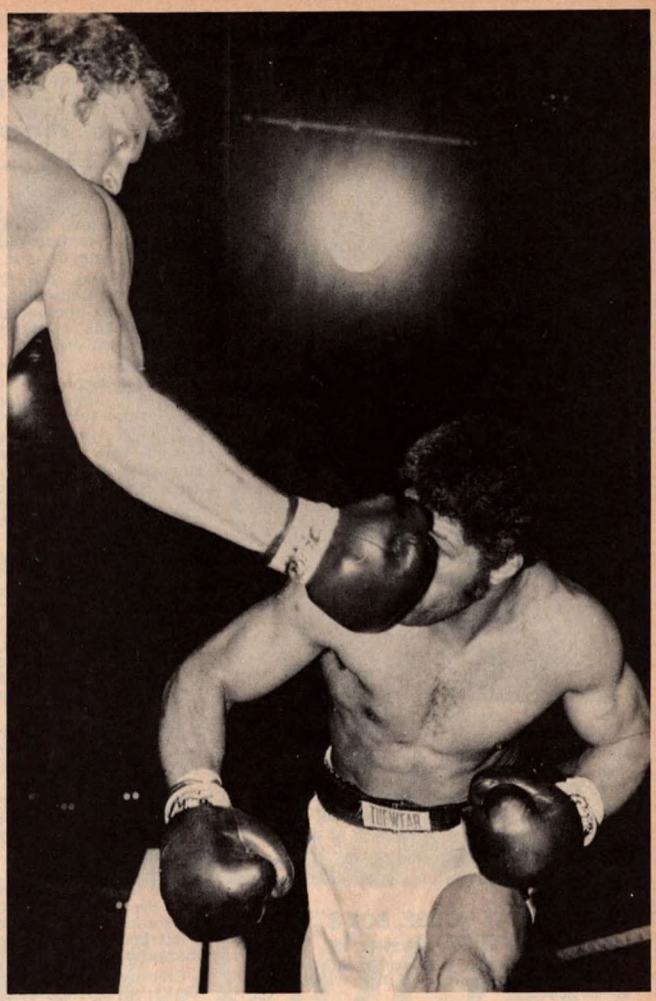

Up-and-coming British heavyweight Joe Bugner scores with a powerful right to the face of Roberto Davila during their bout in London. The referee awarded the contest to Bugner after the third round because of a bad cut sustained by the Peruvian.

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(AS OF MARCH 20, 1970)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
1. Henry Cooper (E)
2. George Chuvalo (C)
3. Jack Bodell (E)
4. Carl Gizzi (W)
5. Rocky Campbell (Gu)
6. Roger Tighe (E)
7. Joe Bugner (E)
8. Bunny Johnson
9. Don McAlinden (I)
10. Foster Bibron (A)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
1. Dick Tiger (N)
2. Eddie Avoth (W)
3. Leweni Waqa (To)
4. John McCormack (E)
5. Guinea Roger (N)
6. Ray Brittle (E)
7. Dickie Owens (E)
8. Lloyd Walford (J)
9. Maxie Smith (E)
10. Jeff Shaw (E)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
1. Les McAteer (E)
2. Gomeo Brennan (B)
3. Mark Rowe (E)
4. Dave Downey (C)
5. Dick Duffy (W)
6. Bunny Sterling (J)
7. Billy Choules (A)
8. Chris Finnegan (E)
9. Dick Blair (A)
10. Roy Beekin (A)

WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Ralph Charles (E)
2. Donato Paduano (C)
3. Joey Durelle (C)
4. Teddy Meho (G)
5. Eddie Blay (G)
6. Peter Cobblah (G)
7. Lennox Beckles (Gu)
8. Bunny Grant (J)
9. Alan Moore (A)
10. Chuck Henderson (E)

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Maurice Cullen (E)
2. Vic Andreetti (E)
3. Des Rea (I)
4. Bobby Arthur (E)
5. Peter Quinn (E)
6. Norman Langford (A)
7. Colin Fraser (C)
8. Pat McCormack (I)
9. Ricky Porter (E)
10. Don McMillan (S)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Ken Buchanan (S)
2. Percy Hayles (J)
3. Ray Adigun (N)
4. Brian Hudson (E)
5. Al Ford (C)
6. Fred Wicks (A)
7. Joe Tetteh (G)
8. Jake Gulino (A)
9. Jim Watts (S)
10. Jim McCormack (I)

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
1. Jimmy Anderson (E)
2. Love Allotey (G)
3. Len Gillis (C)
4. Lawrence Hafey (C)
5. Colin Lake (E)
6. Hugh Baxter (S)
7. Don Johnson (A)
8. Charlie James (Tr)
9. George O'Neill (E)
10. Victor Paul (N)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
1. Johnny Famechon (A)
2. Jimmy Revie (E)
3. Lionel Rose (A)
4. Rocky McDougall (C)
5. Toro George (NZ)
6. Evan Armstrong (S)
7. Billy McGrandle (C)
8. Ken Bradley (A)
9. Reg Gullefer (E)
10. Jimmy Bell (S)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
1. Alan Rudkin (E)
2. Walter McGowan (S)
3. Johnny Clark (E)
4. Paul Ferrari (A)
5. Bob Allotey (G)
6. Patrick Mambwe (Z)
7. Orizu Obilaso (N)
8. Steve Curtis (W)
9. Alan Presnell (A)
10. Art Hafey (C)

FLYWEIGHTS
1. John McCluskey (S)
2. Harry Hayes (A)
3. Alex Martin (C)
4. Sandy Flucker (A)
5. Dave Atkins (A)
6. Tony Williams (W)
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8. Bill Amos (Z)
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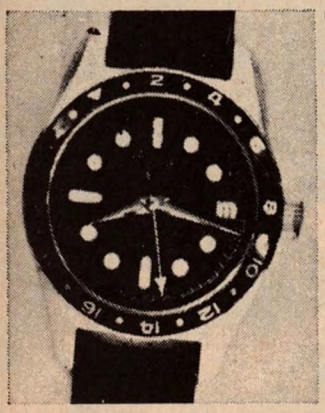

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MILLER DEFEATS ● HAYNES, THEN BOWS ●

By Bruce Trampler

Mansfield—Veteran Art "Curly" Miller, 192, Mansfield, outpointed Chuck Haynes, 198, Buffalo, in promoter Don Elbaum's eight-round main event. The controversial decision was the first loss for Haynes in nine bouts.

James Parks, 168, Cleveland, outpointed Walt Dolder, 168, Columbus, in six. Dick Topinko, 151, Buffalo, took another sixer from "Naughty Nick" Peoples, 153, Columbus. Topinko has nine straight as a pro.

Lou Bizarro, 152, Erie, Pa., won in four from Andy Helmeczy, 150, Cleveland, and Irish Bob Haye, 170, Galion, stopped Al Tyson, 172, Buffalo, in the second round.

▶**Canton**—Unbeaten Dave Matthews, 198, Akron, won his fifth straight, all by knockouts, when he stopped vet Art "Curly" Miller, 190, Mansfield. Matthews was down from Miller's first punch of the fight, but recovered to drop Art in the third. A hand injury kept Miller from answering the bell for round five.

Ernie Shavers, 204, Warren, stopped Joe Byrd, 192, Flint, Mich. in the third. Shavers, Dean Chance's "Black Destroyer," has won seven of eight, all by kayo.

Jimmy Cherico, 175, New York, stopped Dave Jenkins, 174, New York, in the third. Al Morales, 162, Newark, N.J., TKOd Mike McGurk, 165, Scotland, in five. Former amateur star Jim Caffey, 156, Youngstown, stopped Joe Blair, 157, Akron, in the second.

▶On the undercard of the Griffith-Baird encounter in Cleveland, promoter Elbaum scheduled two eights and a pair of sixes.

Irish Billy Wagner, 176, Cleveland, dropped outclassed oldie Chico Coursey, 181, Chester, Pa., twice to win at the end of the first round. Wagner, now 15-1-1, wasn't bothered by the veteran's tricks.

Earl "Sugar Cane" Johnson, 161, Cleveland, scored three knockdowns to win on a third-round TKO over Howard Blood (Youngblood), 156, of Lima and Detroit. The ref stopped it at 1:43 when a left hook to the body sent Pop Brown's game charge to the deck for the final trip.

Cleveland's James Parks, 166, outpunched city rival Irish Brian Greer, also 166, over six heats. Parks, a stablemate of Earl Johnson, under Bob Ash's management, once kayoed Ray Anderson as an amateur. His pro mark stands at 7-1-1. Classy Bobby Haymon, 151, Cleveland, quickly demolished Bashir Qubti, 150, Akron, at 1:57 of the first to run his record to 7-2-1. Haymon, a stablemate of Ted Gullick, served with Earl Johnson as Emile Griffith's sparmate, and the ex-champ had great praise for Haymon's future prospects.

▶**Flashes**—Billy "Dynamite" Douglas, a fine middleweight prospect from Columbus, scored his most impressive victory when he traveled to Detroit and upset former contender Wilbert "Skeeter" McClure. Douglas, in his first start under new manager Ralph "Red" Banks, dropped McClure in the third, had him in trouble for a standing count in the same round, and put Skeeter down again in the 10th before the ref stopped it in the last frame. Billy is now 12-4, with nine kayos.

Two Ohio heavyweights dropped decisions but won the hearts of the fans on Joe Kellman's first show of the year in Chicago. J. D. McCauley of Columbus dropped a split in four to Gary's Frank Steele, while Akron's Mack Harrison was outpointed in six by Ben Black of Chicago.

Akron welterweight Fate Davis, who's had a world of misery trying to get 147-pounders to oppose him, landed two fights in two months and dropped both. Angel Espada took a narrow decision in 10 heats in sunny San Juan, and Mexican champ Raul Rodriguez rallied strongly to score a ninth-round TKO in Mexico City. Davis, extremely popular south of the border, was cut about the eyes and although the damage was minor, the bout was halted. Rodriguez reportedly was forced to visit a hospital.

● MICHIGAN BOXING NEWS ●

By Elliott H. Harvith

Ernie Clark held his second show of the year at the Fairgrounds as 1100 paying customers attended. In the main event, Bill Douglas, 164, Columbus, stopped Skeeter McClure, 162, Detroit, at 2:47 of round 10.

The hard-punching Douglas had a commanding lead over the first nine rounds and ended it with a left uppercut that sent the bleeding and tired McClure down. McClure got up but ref Tom Briscoe stopped it. The best action was round three in which McClure was floored twice but rallied near the end of the round to belt Douglas around the ring. McClure, trying a comeback, is now 24-8-1 while Douglas pushed his record to 12-4.

In the semi-final scheduled for 10, Arnie Brower, 181, Detroit, scored a two-round knockout over Eddie Dembry, a 179-pounder from Chicago. Brower is now 24-4-2 while Dembry is 11-7.

Al "Evil" Evans, 178, Detroit, stopped Walter Dodler, 164, Columbus, at the 1:58 mark of round four.

George McGee, 166, Toledo, put his right to good use in taking a four-round decision over K.O. Gene Simelton, 160, Detroit. Simelton is now 1-2. Top Cat Jackson, 151, Detroit, made it three in a row with a four-round decision over Nick Peoples, 150, Columbus, in the curtain-raiser.

▶At Indianapolis. Muskegon lightweight John White, appearing in only his second fight lost an eight-round decision to Indiana lightweight champ Marion Thomas in the main event.

▶At Canton. Flint heavyweight Joe Byrd, "The Toy Block," was stopped at the 1:35 mark of round three by Ernie Shavers of Warren, Ohio.

▶At Mansfield, Ohio. Detroit heavyweight Chuck Haynes suffered the first loss of his career, losing a disputed eight-round decision to the Clown Prince of Boxing, Art "Curly" Miller. The 40-year-old bald-headed Miller, who is a big favorite in his hometown of Mansfield, weighed 192 and Haynes, who now has a 7-1-1 record, was 198.

▶At Cleveland. Detroit middleweight Howard "High" Blood was stopped in three rounds by Earl "Sugar Cane" Johnson of Cleveland. Blood, who is handled by Michigan's Mr. Boxing, Pop Andy Brown, has a 7-5-1 record, was floored three times in the third round.

BOXING IN PORT-OF-SPAIN, ● TRINIDAD, W.I. ●

By George C. Beckles

Trevor Glasgow, 134, outpointed Charles James, 134, in 15 rounds, for the lightweight championship of Trinidad and Tobago.

Judge Harry Cook scored it 70-69, judge Ken Laughlin saw it 72-68 and referee George Cumberbatch made it 70-69, all in Glasgow's favor.

In the semi final, Michael Paul, 165½, outpointed Lennard Kiddie, 169, going eight. In six-rounders, Kid Banga, 155, outpointed Joseph Walcott, 149 and Lloyd George, 126, TKOd Willie Williams, 128, in 2:54 of the fifth round.

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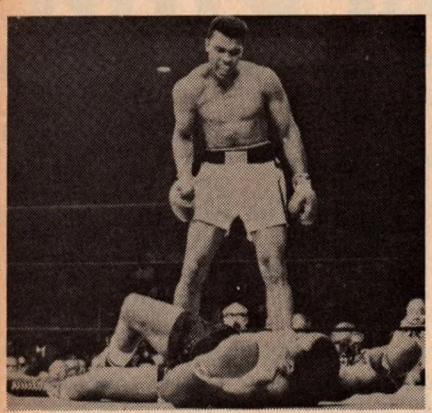

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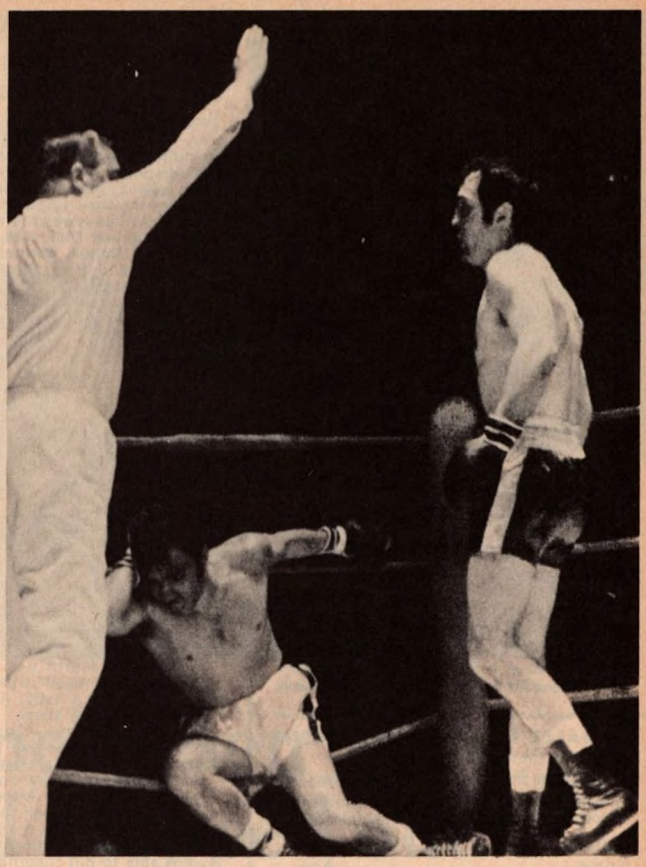

(Above) Yvan Prebeg hits the deck during his European light heavyweight championship match against Piero Del Papa in Rome. Del Papa took a 15-round decision and the title from the Yugoslav. (Right) Referee Jean Bernier stops the welterweight contest in Paris between Marcel Cerdan Jr. and Pablo Lopez, a Puerto Rican who fights out of New York, in the second round as Lopez falls into the ropes. The official declared Cerdan the victor via a knockout. The crowd booed the one-sided match.

DEL PAPA, VELAZQUEZ GAIN EUROPEAN TITLES

By J. A. TREE

BERLIN—Four European championship matches, three within nine days, and one WBC title defense were held in the past few weeks. In Berlin, Gerhard Piaskowy, junior middleweight champion, made a successful defense against Frenchman Jean Baptiste Rolland. In Vienna, Johann Orsolics halted Germany's Klaus Klein to retain his welterweight crown. In Madrid, local boy Miguel Velazquez took over Pedro Carrasco's vacated lightweight title with a close call over Scotland's Ken Buchanan. In Milan, Yvan Prebeg, Yugoslavia, handed over his light heavyweight laurels to Italian Pedro del Papa, who wore the crown back in 1967. Finally, Italy gathered a second world prize when Bruno Arcari, European junior welterweight champion, dethroned WBC junior middleweight king Pedro Adigue.

During the summer months, 20-year-old German Frank Reiche, a light middleweight, will probably go to the U.S. with

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EUROPEAN RATINGS

(AS OF MARCH 20, 1970)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
*1. Peter Weiland (G)
2. Jose Urtain (S)
3. Dante Cane (I)
4. Piero Tomasoni (I)
5. Jürgen Blin (G)
6. Paul Roux (F)
7. Giulio Rinaldi (I)
8. Mario Baruzzi (I)
9. George Bambi (I)
10. Benito Canal (S)

LIGHT HEAVIES
*1. Piero del Papa (I)
2. Yvan Prebeg (Yu)
3. Giovanni Biancardi (I)
4. Rudiger Schmidtke (G)
5. Arno Prick (G)
6. Guerrino Scattolin (I)
7. Alfred Vogrig (I)
8. Bas van Duivenbode (H)
9. Gianfranco Maccia (I)
10. Tom Bogs (D)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
10. Cosimo Bruno (F)
2. Juan Carlos Duran (I)
3. Pascal Di Benedetto (F)
5. Yolande Levegue (F)
5. Jacques Marty (F)
6. Luigi Patruno (I)
7. Mario Lamagna (I)
8. Jean Claude Bouttier (F)
9. Hans Dieter Schwartz (G)
10. Klaus Stockman (G)

JUNIOR MIDDLES
*1. Gerhard Piaskowy (G)
2. Remo Golfarini (I)
3. Messimo Bruschini (I)
4. Jean Rolland (F)
5. Fabio Bettini (I)
6. Jose Gonzalez (F)
7. Pierre Minier (F)
8. Aldo Battitutta (I)
9. Vid Stillija (A)
10. Luciano Serti (I)

WELTERWEIGHTS
*1. Johann Orsolics (A)
2. Carmelo Bossi (I)
3. Jean Josselin (F)
4. Silvano Bertini (I)
5. Domenico Tiberia (I)
6. Marcel Cerdan (F)
7. Robert Gallois (F)
8. Roger Menetrey (F)
9. Antonio Torres (S)
10. Tony Ortiz (S)

JUNIOR WELTERS
*1. Bruno Arcari (I)
2. Cemal Kamaci (A)
3. Juan Sombrita (S)
4. Sandro Lopopolo (I)
5. Willi Quatuor (G)
6. Rene Roque (F)
7. Börge Krogh (D)
8. Barrera Corpas (S)
9. Ermano Fosoli (I)
10. Renano Fanali (I)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
*1. Miguel Velazquez (S)
2. Pedro Carrasco (S)
3. Maurice Tavant (F)
4. Antonio Puddu (I)
5. Leonard Tavares (F)
6. Carmelo Coscia (I)
7. Vicenzo Pitardi (I)
8. Kid Tano (S)
9. Enrico Barlatti (I)
10. Pietro Ziini (I)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
*1. Tommaso Galli (I)
2. Jose Legra (S)
3. Manuel Calvo (S)
4. Lothar Abend (G)
5. Giovanni Girgenti (I)
6. Daniel Vermandere (F)
7. Renato Galli (I)
8. Nevio Carbi (I)
9. Felix Brami (F)
10. Michel Houdeau (F)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
*1. Franco Zurlo (I)
2. Ben Ali (S)
3. Enzo Farinelli (I)
4. Claude Lapinte (F)
5. Pierre Vetroff (F)
6. Marc Vandomme (F)
7. Antonio Sassarini (I)
8. Rodolfo Garcia (S)
9. Augustin Senin (S)
10. Antoine Porcel (F)

FLYWEIGHTS
*1. Fernando Atzori (I)
2. Franco Sperati (I)
3. Fritz Chervet (Sw)
4. Kid Romero (S)
5. Ulf Danielson (D)
6. Manuel Alvarez (S)
7. Luigi Boschi (I)
8. Dionsio Bisbal (S)
9. Michel Spina (I)
10. Giuseppe Luciano (I)

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• IN OLD NEW ENGLAND •

By Don Hamill

Paul Lampron of Westbrook, Me., served notice on the light heavyweights in New England by trouncing veteran Billy Marsh of Las Vegas, Nev. He disposed of him in six heats, faring better than his New England buddies had against the same opponent. New England has a number of excellent light heavyweights in champion Paul Kasper, highly ranked Dick Hall, promising Paul Cardoza and Bob Benoit, former titleholders Jimmy McDermott and Pete Riccitelli. Even New England heavyweight king Paul Raymond can make the light heavyweight limit.

▶ **Portland, Exposition Building**—Tony Lampron, 169, Westbrook, used his height and reach to advantage as he won on a sixth-round TKO over Billy Marsh, 167, Las Vegas. Lampron used a stick-and-move style, stabbing Marsh with left jabs and scoring with short, chopping rights. Only in the second round when Marsh looped an overhand right and shook Lampron was Marsh in the fight. A chopping right by Lampron in the fifth round opened a severe cut over Marsh's left eye which kept Marsh from answering the bell for the sixth heat.

The undercard was abbreviated when two bouts had to be canceled because of the failure of a couple of boxers to put in an appearance. The 'new' Gene Roberts, 155, Portland, atoned for an earlier defeat by stopping Skip Yeaton, 153, Belfast, in the sixth round of the eight-round semi-final. Roberts survived a pair of first-round knockdowns to score four knockdowns in punching Yeaton into helplessness. Yeaton was floored twice in both the fourth and fifth rounds and unable to defend himself when referee Pete Bennett wisely called a halt. A pair of amateur bouts rounded out the show.

▶ **Boston, Garden**—About 7000 persons filed into the Garden to see the computerized film of the mythical Rocky Marciano-Cassius Clay fight. Partially because Rocky was from nearby Brockton, the crowd was pro Marciano and cheered whenever he scored well and went delirious when Clay was unable to regain his feet. It attested to the realistic manner in which the film editors were able to put together the segments of action.

Promoter Sam Silverman put together a six-bout live card to go with the film.

In the 10-rounder that headed the live portion, Jimmy Dupree, 178, Newark, N.J., and Dick Hall, 174, Roxbury, practically eliminated each other from title contention. The battle was fought in close order with much holding and wrestling. There were times when they appeared to be trying to tear each other apart and times when they were going thru the motions without any power in their punches. Dupree was given the decision on all scorecards by finishing a little stronger. The crowd showed its displeasure by singing lullabies.

The undercard was excellent. In the semi-windup, John Coily, 159, Somerville, unloaded a left hook to the chin of Skip Yeaton, 161, Belfast, to drop him and render him unable to continue in the second round. Bobby Covino, 173, Somerville, returned to the ring after having been in the service. He appeared rusty in halting Sixto (Martinez) Morales, 172, New York, in the third round. Kevin (Joey) McGrath, 146, Worcester, turned in an impressive performance in stopping veteran Willie Williams, 148, Brighton, in the third round of their sixer. Johnny Hasson, 158, Hyde Park, was impressive in his pro debut by stopping Charley Hill, 160, New York, in the third session. In the opener, Bruno Scholz, 167, long-haired Bridgewater fighter, had to go the route for the first time when he was held to a split four-round decision by scrappy Wilson Flores, 165, New York.

▶ **Portland**—Paul Cardoza, 177, New Bedford, continued undefeated by knocking out veteran Canadian heavyweight Leslie Borden, 199, Montreal, in the eighth round. Borden was spilled in the first round but arose to take the fight to Cardoza. A couple of right hands to the jaw near the end of the seventh round dropped Borden again. Cardoza rushed out in the eighth round and with a right to the head and a left hook to the jaw put Borden onto the canvas again. This time Borden was unable to make it to his feet in time.

Tony Lampron, 172, Westbrook, survived a few rough moments in the early sessions to come on with his left jab, hook, and chopping rights to carve out a split decision over Danny Perez, 167, New York, in the eight-round semi-final. Leo DiFiore, 129, Portland, halted his comebacking fellow townsman, Ronnie Butts, 138, in the second round.

▶ **North Adams, Armory**—Al Romano, 146½, North Adams, successfully defended his New England welterweight title against the challenges of Gene Roberts, 146½, Portland. Romano learned midway in the first round to respect Roberts when the former midwestern veteran uncorked a hard overhand right. The blow shook Romano, who fought a cautious, but heady fight to earn a close but unanimous 10-round decision.

Terry Rondeau, 122, Pittsfield, atoned for the only loss he had suffered and successfully defended his New England featherweight title by stopping game Henry Wickham, 124, West Buxton, Me. Wickham was dropped in the first and fourth rounds and was hurt a number of times, but never gave up trying and carrying the fight to Rondeau. Near the end of the third, Rondeau was tagged by a southpaw slant and visibly hurt as he went back to his corner. He recovered in the next round and battered Wickham into helplessness. A third 10-round bout proved to be an interesting scrap between Arnold Sparks, 152, Montreal, who dropped a decision to left-hooking Roy (Buttercup) Williams, 148, Allentown, Pa.

▶ **Taunton, Roseland Ballroom**—Dave Adkins, 159, Roxbury and Camden, N.J., and Jose Anglada, 160, New York, tangled in the first show of the year in Taunton. Adkins and Anglada are a pair of punchers, but it was Adkins who was able to get thru first with the kayo punch. The pair had rocked each other in the first two sessions and Adkins was staggered in the third before he unloaded a solid left hook to Anglada's jaw which spilled him for the count.

Roosevelt Brown, 168, former AAU champion from Boston, stopped Pedro Camacho, 169, New York, in the third round without being able to get the Latin off his feet. Rickie Raimondi, 156, Providence, failed to impress in knocking out Tony Acosta, 155, Webster, in the second round. Ray Mercado, 140, Brooklyn, repeated a previous win over Jose Carabella, 137, Hartford, in a pleasing six-round bout. In the four-round opener, Carl Novotny, 163, New York, bowed to Artie Young, 161, Dorchester.

▶ **Portland**—Irish Jimmy McDermott, 171, Holyoke, had to battle for his existence in gaining a 10-round decision over Richie Sudol, 162, Scranton, Pa. The taller Sudol jabbed, hooked, and moved well to pile up a lead. Twice the hard-hitting McDermott tagged him with terrific punches to knock him down in the fourth and eighth rounds. Each time it did not appear that Sudol could arise but he did and brought the fight to McDermott.

Jesse Crown, 210, Portland, stopped Pedro Garcia, 201, Hartford, in the fourth round after scoring five knockdowns enroute. Skip Yeaton, 163, Belfast, had Al Bashir, 156, Montreal, down in each round before halting him in the third stanza. Larry Estabrook, 145, Portland, came from behind to knock out Jim Burnham, 142, also of Portland, in the second round.

▶ **Portland**—Paul Cardoza, 174, New Bedford, racked up his second big win for the month by taking a unanimous 10-round decision over Yvon Duhamel, 175, Montreal. Duhamel was the aggressor and never gave up trying to get inside. Cardoza kept him off with a sharp left jab. A couple of rights in the second round dropped the Canadian for the only knockdown of the fight.

Buddy Carr, 153, Lowell, spoiled the comeback of veteran Paul Christie, 153, Medford, by taking a clear-cut, unanimous six-round decision in the semi-final. Gene Roberts, 153, Portland, given a new lease on life by his showing against Al Romano easily thumped Al Bashir, 156, Montreal, and scored a knockdown in the closing seconds of their six-rounder. Larry Estabrook, 142, Portland, repeated his week-old kayo of Jimmy Burnham, 141, Portland, by doing it in two heats this time.

▶ **Boston, Hotel Bradford Ballroom**—Sam Silverman opened up a new location and plans a weekly series at the ballroom of the Hotel Bradford in the downtown area of Boston. On the initial card, Bobby Covino, 169, Somerville, punched out a good decision over Jimmy Cherico, 177, Brooklyn, to earn a unanimous decision in eight rounds. Both scored well in the free-swinging battle but Covino carried the heftier wallop and it made the difference. Cherico's left eye was nearly closed by the seventh round.

Johnny Hassan, 158, Hyde Park, despite a cut over his left eye, proceeded to batter Al Bashir, 160, Montreal, so freely that the latter was unable to answer the bell for the fifth session. Jimmy Jaynes, 130, Lowell, got his first taste of defeat by losing a one-sided decision to Gaston Pelletier, 125, Montreal, in their six-rounder. Pelletier continually beat Jaynes to the punch many times without a return. Bruno Scholz, 166, Bridgewater, was given another easy win by clobbering an inept Marshall Warren, 166, Worcester, to sleep in the second round. Marty Garlick, 153, New York, handed Rickie Raimondi, 157, Providence, a bad beating for four rounds. Raimondi tried to turn the tide and looked more like a fighter than he has in many of his hand-picked wins. Michael Dufresne, 145, Montreal, outlasted Gene Herrick, 150, Saco, in the four-round opener. Herrick, who held the New England welter and middleweight titles, is a mere shell of the fighter he was a year or more ago.

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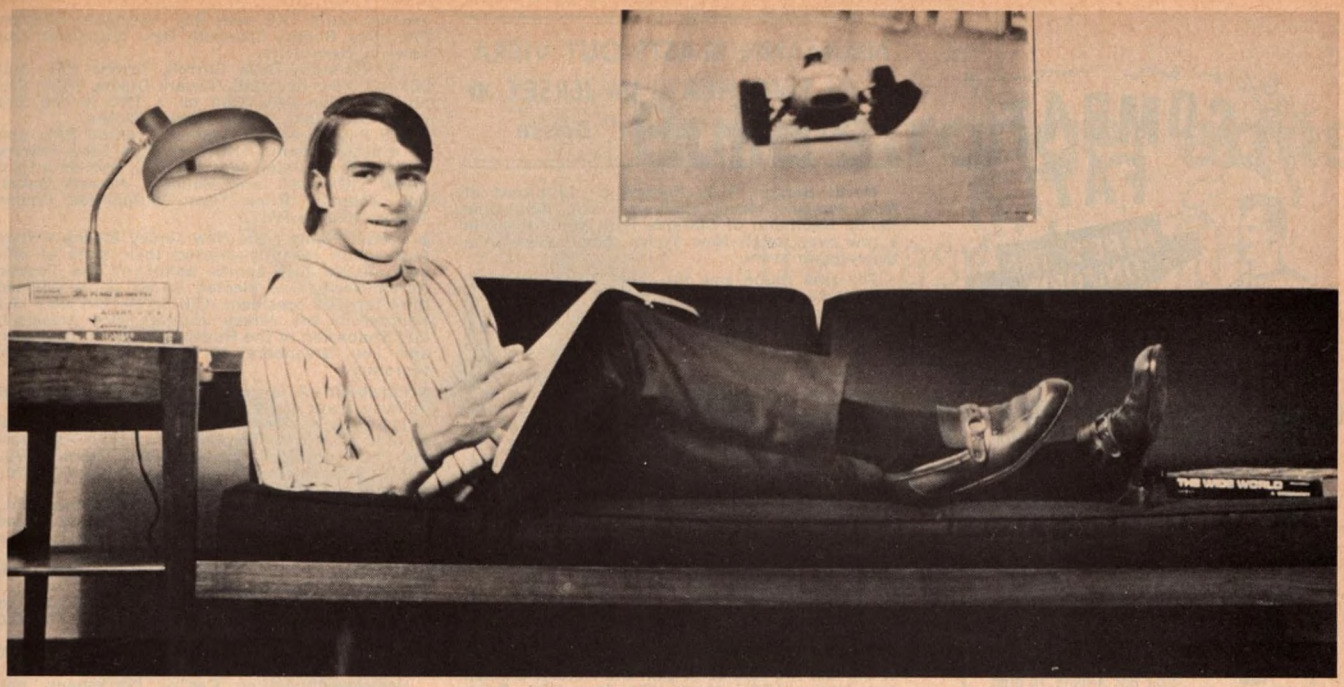

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By Ronnie "Burns" Bouse

North Bergen, N.J.—Before a big crowd at New Jersey's classy Embassy Hall, handsome Randy Neumann of Cliffside Park made it six in a row over tough New Yorker Angel Viera in a heavy main event.

The first round saw the much improved Cliffside Parker sustain a nasty eye cut, the result of a butt, in close quarters. Randy then showed his class by unleashing heavy punching to drop the New York ringster twice before the close of the round.

Once the second round got under way, there was no stopping Neumann. He hit Viera with a left-right combo and his foe hit the canvas. After Angel rose, Randy belted Viera out of the ring and ref Ron Burns promptly halted the bout.

In a semi six-rounder, Marshall Parmalee, 214, of Bayonne, fighting as a pro for the first time, scored a 43-second kayo over the more seasoned Pennylsvanian, Junior Wilkerson, 225 pounds. Two powerful rights to the jaw of Wilkerson earned the quick KO for the Bayonne powerhouse. Another six saw Eddie Viruet, 130, New York, use his classy ability to cop the duke over Roy "Buttercup" Williams (5-0-1), 135, of Allentown, Pa. Viruet now has a 6-0 record.

Bob O'Brien, 160, Bayside, L.I., had his hands full with the veteran Danny Garcia, 165, New York, in a hectic six-rounder, but came on strong in the last two rounds to gain the victory. O'Brien now has a 12-1-1 mark with four KOs. Brian O'Melia, 197, Bayonne, made his pro debut a winning one when he stopped Manny Santiago, 188, Puerto Rico, in the first round.

▶ **Elizabeth**—A sellout crowd saw Trenton boxers dominate the fourth round of the N.J. Golden Gloves at the Trenton Armory.

112-pound Novice—Max Diaz, Trenton PAL, won over Muri McIver, Newark Dukes. Ray Woodling, Trenton, PAL, won on third round TKO over Vern Swigget, Newark Dukes. Purvis Parker, Trenton PAL, decisioned Orrie Crespo, Keyport AC. Terry Deal, Trenton AC, outpointed Jim Mercando, Johnson AC.

126-pound Novice—Willie Martinez, Toms River, won on third round TKO over Chas. Crenshaw, Newark Dukes. Simpson Wheeler, Trenton PAL, outpointed Larry Philips, Newark Dukes. Art Rosa, Paterson AC, won on a first round TKO over Clar Kelly, Newark Dukes. Mike Johnson, Trenton PAL, outpointed Mike Thomas, Newark Dukes.

135-pound Novice—John Hawes, Trenton PAL, won on a first round TKO over Bruce Hurst, Paterson AC. Will Ringold, Newark Dukes, won on a second round TKO over Ray Fernandez, Trenton PAL. Roy Bustic, Elizabeth Rec. outpointed Lou Lawson, Newarkers.

160 Pounds—Dave Carroll, Tenton PAL, outpointed Mike Leverett, Newark Dukes, Willie Sutphin, Trenton PAL, won on a TKO in the first round over Luke Jarell, Newark Dukes.

175 Pounds—Willie Walker, Trenton PAL, won on a second round TKO over Stan Ford, Newark Dukes. Howie Peter, Westfield AC, won on a third round TKO over Jerry Baudoin, Newark Dukes. Bob Thomas, Brick Town, outpointed Connie Tooker, Kearny PAL.

▶ **Scotch Plains**—The New Jersey Boxing Writers Association recently elected their slate of officers. Augie Lio, sports editor of the Passaic Herald-News, was elected to an unprecedented third term as president. Others elected were Milt Kerzner of the Jersey Journal, vice president. Lud Shabazian of the Hudson Dispatch, treasurer, and Lou Greenberg of the Hudson Dispatch, secretary.

▶ **Elizabeth**—A large crowd was entertained at halfway mark of Golden Gloves action.

112 Pounds—Ray Woodling, Trenton PAL, outpointed Max Diaz, Trenton PAL. Terry Dial, Trenton PAL, outpointed Purvis Parker, Trenton PAL.

118 Pounds—Keith Hightower, Trenton PAL, outpointed Curtis Harris, Johnson AC.

126 Pounds—Simpson Wheeler, Trenton PAL, won on third round TKO over Clete Hayes, McGee AC. Mike Johnson, Trenton PAL, won decision over Art Rosa, Paterson AC.

147 Pounds—Sam Hill, Newark Dukes, outpointed Will Capuano, Clifton AC.

160 Pounds—Jack Pough, Elizabeth Rec., won on second round TKO over Ted Wade, Trenton PAL.

175 Pounds—Bob Thomas, Brick Township, outpointed Howie Peters, Elizabeth Rec.

Heavyweights—Bob Castle, Parsippany, outpointed Tim Vorhies, Irvington.

Open Class, 112 Pounds—George Best, Newark Dukes, outpointed last year's champ, Eli Cooper, Paterson AC. Fred Bryant, Trenton PAL, outpointed Simon Velez, Elizabeth Rec.

135 Pounds—John Deal Trenton PAL, outpointed Willie Holmes, Linden.

147 Pounds—Len Harden, Elizabeth Rec., won on second round TKO over Dave Clark, Trenton PAL. Phil Sheveck, Passaic, outpointed Jim Moloney, Rutherford.

Because of the pressure of too many activities, Jersey Jones resigned as president of National Veteran Boxers Association, Ring 9 (of Bergen and Passaic counties). Chico Doyle, of the prolific brothers clan managed by the late Jack Larkin, was elected to succeed him. The rest of the slate of officers has been returned for another term. Jones will continue to head the National VBA, and is campaigning to expand it into an international association, with units in Australia, the British Isles, continental Europe and several African lands.

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SOUTH AFRICAN
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By Ed Clark

Johannesburg—Jimmy Richards, S.A. heavyweight hope, chalked up his seventh straight victory when he beat Italy's Vittoria Verrenga on a fourth-round TKO. Verrenga complained of kidney punching but Richards, although crude at times, hit hard and constantly.

Bennie deBeer, 151½, confirmed a previous win over Michel leRoux, 149½, winning over six. Kosie Wiese, 147½, TKOd Errol Heath, 152¾, in the second. Willie Mostert, 147½, did likewise to Gary van Rensburg, 142, in the second. Ray Buttle, 123¾, TKOd oft-beaten Robert Trott, 129½, in the sixth. Dirk van der Weathuizen, 137, TKOd Rocky Small, 140, in one.

▶ **Springs**—Gordon Goba, middleweight holder known as the "Black Prince," 160, couldn't make the junior middleweight limit but he won over Mike Ramagole, 153, over 10 rounds at the Kwa Thema Stadium. The fight ended at precisely one minute 60 seconds of the 10th, giving the "Prince" a TKO decision.

Joao Alfonso won over eight against Ezra Mzinyane, 165¾. Phillip Peterson, Rhodesian feather champ, KOd Eric Mahlo in the fifth. Solomon Ramafikeng won on points over Absalom Gule. Davey Mlambo KOd Wilfred Twala in the second.

▶ **East London**—Simon Sali, 145¼, made a storming finish which enabled him to grab a points decision from Johannes Dladla, 147, over eight rounds at Community Centre, Duncan Village.

Terrance Makaluza made a highly promising debut in drawing over six against David Mankga, 129½. Isaac Buqwana, 119, won over six against Jacob Mokotong, 120½, featherweights. Cornet Dunjwa, 111¾, TKOd Ernest Mokalane, 107½, in the fourth. In a pair of sixes Daniel Kodisang, 116½, outpointed Howard Tikane, 100, and Cecil Kekana, 144½, outpointed Skukwana Twaku, 145.

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INJURED JONES GETS ● DRAW WITH PIRES ●

By Hank Kaplan

Miami Beach, Florida—Big Al Jones, six feet six inches, 236 pounds, fought from the first to the 10th round with a fractured left hand with Dr. Ferdie Pacheco, his cornerman and medical adviser mystified as to how he went the distance with Luis Faustino Pires, 206, tough nut from Brazil. The swelled mitt of the high-ranking Goulds heavyweight was X-rayed the next day and revealed broken fourth and fifth metacarpal bones.

Al used every defensive trick he ever learned to hold the scrappy Brazilian to a 10-round draw. Angelo Dundee, Jones' trainer, wanted to stop the fight but Al reneged on the proposal. Infrequently, but on target he threw the left, his power punch, though it was painful. Pires was the busier but Jones landed the heavier leather. Pires came to fight and proved, in the first round at least, that he is not frail. The judges voted as follows: referee Cy Gottfried saw Jones ahead at 47-45, judge Gus Jacobson viewed Pires the winner with a narrow 46-45 call, while judge Bunny Lovett saw it even at 48-48. The draw was the second in Jones' undefeated career.

In the scheduled eight-round semi-final, Jerry Evans, 183, Muncie, Indiana, showed "old-time" savvy as he wore down the elusive Willie McIntyre, 175, Fort Lauderdale, in the fifth round, scoring a TKO in that round. Willie started fast, in his usual style with clever footwork proving a puzzler to Evans. But Jerry methodically worked on the midsection whenever he found Willie in range. The cumulative effect took its toll in the fifth when Willie was unable to continue.

Tommy Torino, 158, Hollywood, Florida, and a Broward Junior College student who is showing rapid improvement, and Doug Rogers, 158½, Miami, engaged in a ring war which the patrons voted as the night's best action. Both entries earned their paycheck with extra dividends as the promoter plans for a rematch.

Another sixer found Sandy Jefferies, 147, St. Petersburg, reversing a previous loss to Buddy Taylor, 140, Exuma, Bahamas as he outpointed unanimously his opponent.

In a scheduled four-rounder, Randy Clark, 201, Miami, protege of Baron Pate, TKOd Billy White, 206, West Palm Beach, in round three to remain unbeaten as a pro.

▶**Miami Beach**—Luis Rodriguez lost little time in returning to the gym following his title chance loss to Nino Benvenuti. He had played the title challenger's role so long it all seemed unreal anyway. He began training and begged for quick ring action. Finally, he got it from a local middleweight. Porter Rolle, 158, Miami, with only one loss in a career total of 22 fights, gave it all he had but was kayoed in the fourth round.

4000 fans roared with approval as the amazing Rodriguez recorded his 21st victory in as many main events at the Miami Beach Auditorium. Rolle, winner of nine straight, with eight by knockout, aimed for Luis' jaw with a dozen punches but found that his cagy opponent was more evasive than he proved in the Benvenuti fight. Instead, Luis found Rolle a target for his overhand right which he used frequently until he downed him early in the fourth for a nine count. This was the punch which did the damage, but Porter arose for another effort. Another right finished Rolle as referee Eddie Eckert counted him out, giving Rodriguez undisputed superiority of the Florida State middleweight division.

In the six-round middleweight semi-final, Jimmy Williams, 158, Jacksonville, tagged Joe Hooks, 164, Philadelphia, often enough to pound out a points win.

Another sixer featured Ike Hooks, 140, Philadelphia, junior member of the Hooks family who vindicated the name with a decision over Buddy Taylor, 146, Nassau, Bahamas in a spicy fight.

A four-rounder found Bobby Weissman, 160, Miami, in his fourth undefeated fight as a pro in this ring as he beat Cliff Johnson, 153, Fort Lauderdale, on points. Bobby is now three wins and one draw.

Another four-rounder brought together Charles Hollowell, 133, Miami, and Argenis Ferrer, 127, Miami, with Hollowell eking out the decision.

▶**Miami Beach**—The curiosity of about 2000 spectators was satisfied as they watched Rocky Marciano and Cassius Clay duel in a 15-round version of a heavyweight championship bout in accordance with the dictates of a computer. The Miami Beach Auditorium fans were attracted to the show produced by Murry Woroner and presented by Chris Dundee spiced with a live undercard. They came knowing that Rocky and Clay never fought in a real match but were intrigued by the production and yearned for the computer's insight. In attendance were Barbara Marciano and daughter, wife of the late Rocky Marciano. Also present were the principals in the upcoming heavyweight championship real life match, Joe Frazier and Jimmy Ellis, both of whom cheated on the clock and trainers who oversee their training schedules.

Though a mid-winter, sophisticated boxing card was present, response to the closed circuit televised film was one of general excitement throughout the bout. Rocky was a popular winner as he was well liked in the area. Murry Woroner, the film's producer, was present at the Auditorium and presented an introductory talk on the concept of computerized fights, indicating that Sugar Ray Robinson may next vie on the computer against the current middleweight champion, Nino Benvenuti.

On the live card, Porter Rolle, 158½, Miami, undefeated since the start of his comeback, pounded out a TKO over Hank Webb, 150, of St. Petersburg, Florida in the third round of their scheduled 10-rounder. Porter showed his punching ability and was well conditioned for this event.

In the semi-final of eight rounds, Eddie Linder, 142, Miami, outdazzled Jerry Wells, 149, Washington, D.C., as he showed too many tricks and plentiful speed to his opponent.

In a four-round bout, Joe Gholston, 175½, Melbourne, outpointed Ed Bailey, 175, Miami.

▶**Orlando**—Thomas Howard, 6 foot, two inch heavyweight from Bronson, Florida, at 192½, provided a shocker of minor proportions at the Orlando Sports Stadium as he stopped the poplar Cody Gainer, 194, Tampa, in round one of a scheduled 10-round feature.

The unknown Howard, formerly an armed forces champion, was competing in his second professional bout and this one as a substitute for ailing Bob Hazelton. Howard completely overpowered the usually aggressive and hard puncher from Tampa. Gainer was counted out while lying on the ropes midway in the first round.

Perhaps the most significant ring action of the night was recorded when Jim Elder, prominent former service champion who recently drew rave notices in ring competition against a Russian team, made his professional debut. Elder, 219, fighting out of Levelland, Texas, and Madison Square Garden bound, had heavyweight opponent Tiger Brown, Orlando, on the deck five times before the fight was stopped at 1:54 of the opening round. 1911 fans watched the impressive Elder unfold on his usually hardy opponent and will continue to view his career with interest.

In another scheduled sixer, Vince Neratka, formerly of Uniontown, Pa., now an Orlando resident, posted a first-round TKO over Milton Roundtree, of Orlando, in a middleweight contest.

In a lightweight bout scheduled for six rounds, Phil Little, of Lockhart, stopped Willie James Brand, of Orlando when Brand failed to answer the bell for round three.

Little remains unbeaten as a pro.

In a scheduled middleweight sixer, Leroy Fullard, of Fernandina Beach, recorded a TKO at the expense of Walter Newell, Eustis, in the fourth round.

A four-rounder found Randy Phillips, of Orlando, gaining a split decision victory over fellow Orlandoan, Herbert Washington in a spirited match between junior welterweights.

▶**Miami Highlights**—A bulging crowd watched the closed circuit showing of the Joe Frazier-Jimmy Ellis heavyweight fight at the Fointainebleau Hotel Grand Ballroom on Miami Beach. Ellis was a sentimental favorite in the huge room but the consensus for victory favored Frazier in prefight talk. Frazier's sensational win revealed many sad faces when the lights came on again. Many of Jimmy's friends feel he employed the wrong tactics against the relentless "Henry Armstrong" style of the undisputed titleholder.

Bobby Weismann, the new Miami Beach prelim rage is managed by Mel Ziegler, a boatbuilder and local manager of fighters . . . Sandy Jefferies, St. Petersburg welterweight, fought Ray Minus, Bahamian champion, in the Oakes Arena in Nassau and lost a close 10-round decision . . . Visitors at the recent Veteran Boxers Association meeting were Joe Guinan, former President of the Philadelphia Ring No. 1, Bobby Barrett, great middleweight puncher of yonder years from Pennsylvania, Frankie Conifrey, former lightweight who twice battled with Benny Leonard and Willie Currie, current Veep of Philadelphia's Ring No. 1 . . . Local lightweight, Joe Cartwright lost on a third-round TKO to Angel Zamora at the Coliseum in Corpus Christi, Texas. Larry Golub, Miami trainer, accompanied Cartwright who claimed he was not damaged in the action but merely playing possum when the referee halted the bout . . . Levi Forte, who presented the most vexing problem to George Foreman to date, is now a bellhop at the Fontainebleau Hotel but continues his training chores at the Miami Beach Fifth Street Gym . . . Beau Jack, Tony Alongi, Jack Portney, Phil Bloom, Irving Cohen, Moe Fleischer and many other top boxing names were in attendance at the Joe Frazier-Jimmy Ellis closed circuit showing here . . . Pat Curry has his heavyweight Johnny Hudgins lined up for action in Nassau, Bahamas . . . Yama Bahama, former middleweight contender and television star, was in on a visit from from Bimini, Bahamas with Garth Wright, Bahamas fight promoter . . . For lists of available photos of local fighters, write to Hank Kaplan, 6345 S.W. 4th Street, Miami, Florida 33144.

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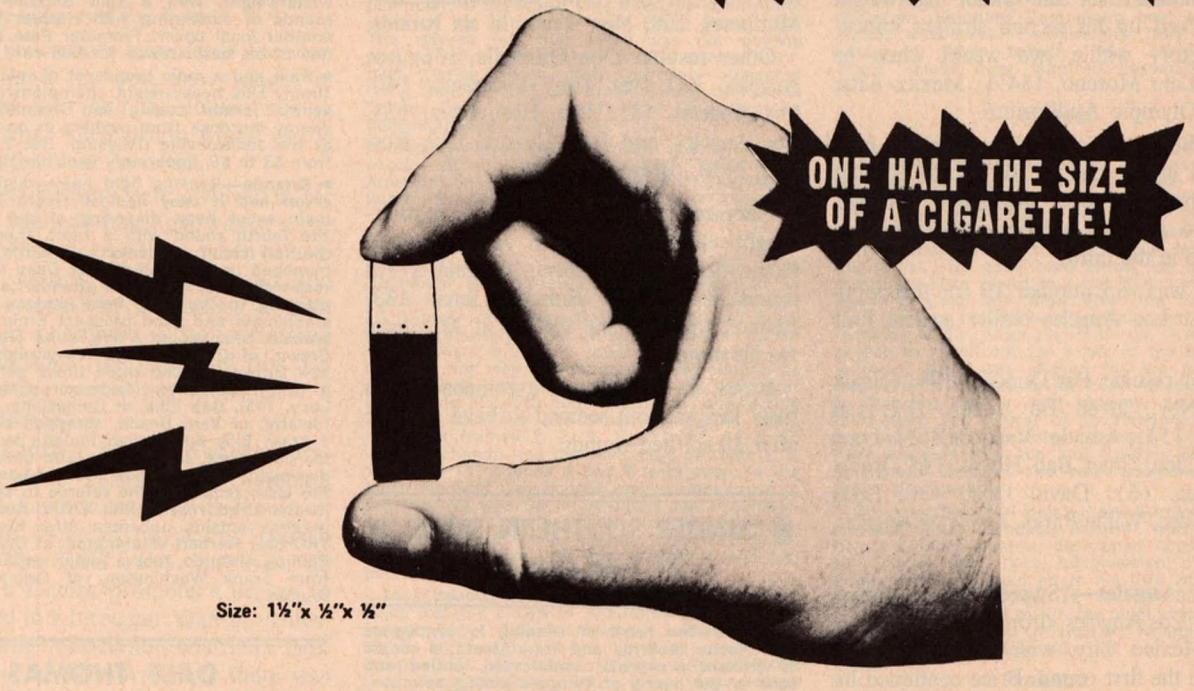

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

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Other results: Rogelio Tulanghari, 133½, Manila, P.I., dec. Eddie Mazon, 135, San Diego, (6); Mamoru Minami, 124, Tokyo, dec. Baby Corona, 124½, San Diego, (5); Sal Ramirez, 137, Los Angeles, dec. Dave Arellano, 138, Los Angeles, (4).

► **Los Angeles**—Ruben Navarro, 133, a top contender for the junior lightweight title picked up his second straight knockout victory within two weeks when he halted Lalo Moreno, 134½, Mexico City, at the Olympic Auditorium.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz ordered the bout stopped at the end of the fourth because of a bad cut over Moreno's left eye. Navarro was well in front and had floored Moreno in the third.

This was win number 19 for the popular East Los Angeles battler against four losses.

Other results: Pat Duncan, 199, Carson City, Nev., ko'ed Ed Butler, 182, Las Vegas, (5); Amado Vasquez,169, Long Beach, dec. Chief Bad Horse, 168, Butte, Montana, (6); David Diaz, 130, Long Beach, dec. Willie Parks, 136, Los Angeles, (4).

► **Los Angeles**—"Sweet" Lenny Brice, 122½, Los Angeles, dropped Baby Camay, 122, Mexico City, with a booming right hand in the first round. Brice continued his attack in the second, again flooring the Mexican with a similiar punch.

Camay managed to beat the count, but was bleeding from the nose and eye, which prompted referee George Latka to halt the one sided fracas.

Other results: Jerry Williams, 132, Santa Ana, KO'd Rod Contreras, 130, East Los Angeles (4); Shin Oshima, 122, Tokyo, dec. Enrique Flores, 121½, Los Angeles; Rudy Valdez, 136½, Long Beach, dec. Hildo Ortega, 134, San Diego, (4).

► **San Jose**—Irish Frankie Crawford proved too smart for hard hitting Jose Moreno in the feature event at the Civic Auditorium.

Crawford, 125½, North Hollywood, had the edge in eight of the 12 rounds to retain his California featherweight title. Moreno weighed 125 and fights out of San Jose, though originally from Mexico.

The gate was a profit-making $7,210.

► **Los Angeles**—An eight-month layoff didn't have any adverse effects on Andy Heilman as the San Pedro longshoreman routed an overweight Jorge Rosales of Sonora, Mex., in the main event at the Olympic Auditorium.

Heilman, 165½, making his first outing since licking Jimmy Lester last summer in Oakland, was awarded the bout after 1:42 of the fifth round.

A left hook followed by a right cross dumped Rosales. At this point, referee George Latka ended the uneven match. Latka gave the Mexican a standing mandatory eight count in the fourth after he was on the receiving end of a lacing from Heilman.

Rosales tipped the scales at 173.

Mike Quarry, 174, Anaheim, notched his 17th straight win, decisioning Bob Matthews, 168, New York, in six rounds.

Other results: Don Quintella, 136, Los Angeles, KO over Tony Beccesara, 140, Los Angeles, (3); Jose Hernandez, 123, Los Angeles, and Jess Alvarez, 125, Roswell, N.M., drew (5).

► **Sacramento**—Former world featherweight champion (WBA version) Raul Rojas, 131, had to hustle to gain a 10-round draw with Enrique Jana, 133, Buenos Aires, in the feature at Memorial Auditorium.

Rojas, in the midst of a comeback, was rusty in spots, but seemed to have an edge after 10 spirited rounds.

● UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES ●

By Tom Ephrem

Tampa—The habit of winning is contagious with Hector McBride and Tony Licata, a couple of brilliant prospects, undefeated, untied and solid in the hearts of Tampa's boxing colony.

Appearing on the same Lou Viscusi-Earl Gilliam promotion here, Hector, Tampa's Toy Terrier, stopped Kit Sheffield in five rounds while Tony, of New Orleans and Tampa, decisioned Gil de Los Santos, of Corpus Christi, in eight. Mose Harrell, 203, St. Petersburg, proved a capable sub for Joe (King) Roman and held Cookie Wallace, 207, Dallas, to a 10 round draw.

McBride, actually a featherweight but coming in at 129, dropped the tough Sheffield in the second and third rounds and was awarded a TKO when the Orlandoan couldn't make it for round five. Trainer Bill Gore's work with McBride shapes up excellently. Licata triggered his punches to take a unanimous nod over the Texas state welter king. The winner weighed 149, the loser a pound less. The Tampa Boxing Commission refused to let Roman compete due to a virus, and Harrell, who had trained with Wallace, became the replacement and a good one. Wallace injected this statement when Roman was ruled out: "Tell Roman I want to fight him in two weeks. And if he don't, I'm goin' to tell Ring Magazine to quit writin' about him."

A four rounder ended very early when Vernon McIntosh, 180, Eustis, stopped Walter White, 175, of Tampa, in the first round. The Viscusi-Gilliam presentation drew about 1500 fans, despite the bad weather.

► Bill Daly, pilot of Tampa-based heavyweight Joe (King) Roman hopes to match his colorful, punching charge against George Chuvalo or Dave Zyglewicz in Tampa before sailing to England. Promoter Lou Viscusi may come up with a name fighter to face Roman.

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► **Orlando**—Hark and hear. Cody Gainer, Orlando's heavy fisted heavyweight found out how it feels to be on the receiving end of a belt. This one, tossed by two-pro fights old Tommy Howard, of Bronson, kayoed the recent Ring Magazine prospect in the first round. Howard, former light heavyweight champ of the Armed Forces in Germany, found Cody's head a good target and scored goodly there. Then a right hander on the nose of the popular Gainer sent Cody to the ropes where he was counted out. The winner subbed for Bob Hazelton, and he tipped 192½. Another surprise for the 1,911 fans in which another local favorite fell before the onslaught, saw heavyweight Jim Elder, of Levelland, Texas star in his pro debut by stopping Tiger Brown, of Orlando, in the first round. Elder, also a former Service titleholder, dropped Brown five times before the finish. The winner weighed 219. The Texas defeated Russia's best heavyweight in an amateur contest at Las Vegas recently on ABC's Wide World of Sports.

Phil Little, undefeated lightweight from Lockhart, TKO'd Willie James Brand in the third round. Vince Neratka, Orlandoan by way of Uniontown, needed but one round to dispose of Milton Roundtree, of Orlando, whose experience is meagre. They're middleweights. Charley (Baby) Fullard, with new manager Gene McKinney to guide him, made a neat impression under the Fernandina pilot, registering a TKO over Walter Newell, of Eustis, in the fourth round of a middleweight bout. Randy Phillips, Orlando junior welterweight, won a split decision after four rounds of combating with Herbert Washington, another local boxer. Promoter Pete Ashlock had one of his best crowds for this card

► Rain and a radio broadcast of the Joe Frazier-Jimmy Ellis heavyweight championship fight prevented former boxing and wrestling promoter Jimmy Murdock from cashing in on the telecast at the Jacksonville Coliseum. But 1,488, paying from $3 to $6, apparently kept him safe.

► **Orlando**—Ranking light heavyweight Ray Anderson had it easy against Hydro Lacy in the main event here, disposing of the Floridian in the fourth round with a right, then a left for the full count. Anderson, of Akron, Ohio, and managed by baseball pitcher Dean Chance, was responsible for the 1,846 attendance, which was pleasing to Promoter Pete Ashlock. Anderson's stablemate and good prospect Ernie Shavers, of Warren, Ohio scored a five round TKO over Tiger Brown, of Orlando in a heavyweight bout that saw Brown dropped three times before the end in the fifth canto. (Anderson scaled 183 and Lacy, 195). Bob Ellis, of Gainesville, and Eugene Idolette, of Vero Beach, scrapped six rounds to a draw. Ellis outweighed Idolette by 24 pounds. Morris Reaves, Jacksonville, and undefeated middleweight, stopped Buck Pace, of Leesburg, when the loser requested the referee to stop the bout in the third round. Phil Little, Lockhart lightweight, remains unbeaten after his two round TKO over Herbert Washington, of Orlando. Randy Phillips, Orlando, took a junior welterweight bout from Frank Washington, of Orlando, in four rounds.

DALE, THOMAS ● INDY VICTORS ●

By Fred Berns

Indianapolis, Ind.—Promoter Howard Ladin presented show number 12 here. It was the first card presented here in Indianapolis which featured local talent exclusively.

In the first bout: four rounds, Mike Daley, 159, Toledo, won a unanimous decision over Alfred Simms, 160, Gary, Indiana.

Joe Eddy Baker, 135, Gary, Indiana, beat local Tulip Turnipseed, 139, Indianapolis, in four rounds. Turnipseed is about the most entertaining boxer in the business. He is a clown, but is fearless and has a jaw of iron. He will stick his chin out and stand straight up and allow his opponent to bombard him at will and after absorbing six or seven solid blows he will let loose with a roundhouse left and bring the crowd to its feet.

Irish Terry O'Brien, 150, Indianapolis, KOd Tony (Pie) Madison, 158, Columbus, Ohio, in 41 seconds of the first round after having Pie down twice.

In the semi wind-up, local middleweight Columbus Lloyd, 157, lost a six-round decision to George McGee, 162, Toledo, Ohio, in a very close, exciting bout. McGee's greater height and longer reach was the deciding factor in this hard-fought contest. These two boxers met before in a four-rounder and Lloyd lost that one too, when he ran out of gas late in the second round, and lost that decision as well.

In the co-main event, Roy Dale, 160, Indianapolis, stopped Charley Lewis, 162, Anderson, Indiana in the second round of a scheduled eight-rounder. Lewis was down twice in the first round and ran into a vicious right hand square in the gut. He took the full count on one knee grimacing. These two met before in Ft. Wayne, Indiana on a Ladin card and fought a six-round war that had the crowd on its feet throughout. Dale won a close decision that was met by some booing.

In the other co-main event, Marion 'Ornerey' Thomas, 132, Indianapolis, made it 12 and 1 (eight straight, since losing a close decision to Lysle Randolph), when he pounded out a unanimous eight-round decision over Johnny 'Jo Jo' White, Muskegon, Michigan. White came in as a substitute's substitute and gave Thomas a close contest. White continually backpedaled and made Thomas chase him. White's comment after the decision was announced was, "I've never seen anyone with hands that fast."

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

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his trainer, Sugar Boy Nando, at the expense of manager and promoter Willi Zeller. Arrangements have been made between Bobby Gleason, Angelo Dundee and Baron von Stumme for Frank to be schooled over there. Two other boxers, both from France, Marcel Cerdan and Jean Claude Bouttier, will go to America, not only to train, but for fights.

French journalists considered German Peter Weiland the best heavyweight in Europe last year and the Italian boxing bible, Boxring, voted Bruno Arcari as the Fighter of the Year for 1969.

Two Italian boxers were involved in car accidents. Sandro Mazzinghi was in a car crash near Florence and was taken to hospial with injuries to his leg, hand and head. In a smashup in Rome, ex-light heavyweight champion Vittorio Saraudi was injured about the head and ribs. He lost his boxing license previously after a medical checkup.

With a boxing ban in Sweden, promoters ex-world heavyweight champion Ingemar Johansson and Bertil Knutsson intended to move in on nearby Danish territory. The EBU rules, however, do not allow a Danish promoter's license to be allocated to a foreigner. Danish Professional Boxing Association chairman Erik Larsan said he did not believe there was any grounds for an extension of the promoter's field in his country.

Milan promoter Dr. Egidio Tane offered European welterweight champion, Johann Orsolics DM 80,000 to defend his crown against Italian Carmelo Bossi in Italy.

Willi Klein is the new BDB German Boxing Board president. He has taken on a tough assignment. German promoter Theodor Wittenbrink recently celebrated his 50th birthday. Hamburg promoter Franz Hahn passed on. He was the sponsor of many promotions in Hamburg just after the war when the going was tough.

Nino Benvenuti, world middleweight champion, earned 22 million lire ($35,-200) during 1969. Local tax authorities claim Nino owes them 4.1 million lire ($6,560) in taxes.

New promoter in Holland is Aad Veerman. His country has about nine first, three second and three or more third class boxers to call upon.

ITALY

► **Rome**—Pedro Adigue, Philipines, left his world WBC junior middleweight crown in Rome after losing a 15-rounder to European junior welterweight king, Bruno Arcari of Italy. The bout ended with Adigue leaning on his opponent. Both were tired after this hard but untidy affair which was controlled brilliantly by referee Teddy Waltham of Britain. Adigue was cautioned regarding his careless head nine times and twice for butting in frame 14. Arcari had the champion in trouble in round 12 but was himself holding on two rounds later. Some of the 17,000 thrilled Italians threw fruit into the ring towards the end of the battle. Adigue turned the scales at 139½ and the Italian came in at 138 lbs. It was Arcari's 37th victory in 39 starts. Adigue has won 29, had 8 defeats and drew 4. Heavyweight Roosevelt Eddie, USA, drew an eight rounder with local Dante Cane. Welterweight Raimundo Dias decisioned Corpas Barrera, 8. Heavyweight Mario Baruzzi beat Rocky Campbell, KO two.

► **Milan**—Italian Piero del Papa took Yvan Prebeg's European light heavyweight crown, outscoring him over 15 rounds. Del Papa held the crown in 1967 but lost it to German, Lothar Stengel, who then handed it over to Tom Bogs. Papa met Bogs for the title but failed to recover it. Prebeg's defense was a voluntary one. There were few highlights in this battle.

► **Rome**—Freddie Little, junior middleweight champion of the world, was disqualified in round eight of his 10-rounder with Eddie Pace, USA. The referee felt that Little was not putting enough action and stopped it after several warnings. Carlos Duran, Italy, narrowly outscored Doug Huntley, USA, 10. Frank Caruso decisioned Gerard Cola, eight. Lightweight Enzo Petriglia beat Mohamed Laroussi, KO, two.

► **Cagliari**—Flyweight European champion Fernando Atzori, Italy, decisioned Ben Salah Ableslam, in a non-title 10 rounder. Welterweight Sandro Lopopolo outscored Miloud N'Diage, 10.

SPAIN

► **Madrid**—British lightweight champion Ken Buchanan (24) suffered his first defeat in 34 starts losing to Spaniard Miguel Velazquez over 15 frames with Pedro Carrasco's vacated European lightweight title at stake. Before Italian referee Piero Brambilla could announce his verdict, the ring was invaded by Spanish supporters who chaired Velazquez shoulder high. Velazquez was taking his 40th bout having lost one, a title affair to Carrasco, and drawing one. The Spaniard took frames 2, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 & 15 while Buchanan had the advantage of heats 1, 3, 5, 6, and 13. Rounds 4 and 8 were even. In the ninth the Scot was floored from a right cross to the jaw. He was up immediately but a compulsory count of eight was taken. Jack Solomons co-promoted with Jose Maria Losa of Spain. Buchanan weighed 130 and Velazquez was two pounds heavier.

In a Spanish flyweight title bout, Fabian Bellanco lost his crown to Kid Romero, 12. Welterweight Tony Ortiz decisioned Johnny Cooke, eight. Lightweight Pedro Carrasco beat Jake Gulino TKO, six. Bantamweight Agustin Senin beat Irizu Obilaso, TKO, four. Heavyweight Mariano Echevarria decisioned Ireno Werleman, eight.

► **Las Palmas**—Heavyweight. Jose Urtain beat Lion Venn, KO, two. His record now stands at 25 wins in 25 starts. Lightweight Pedro Carrasco beat Massimo Consolate TKO, three. Middleweight Cesaro Barrera outscored Dramane Ouedrago, eight.

GERMANY

► **Frankfort**—First show of the year was sponsored by Joachim Göttert featuring Rudiger Schmidtke and Arno Prick in a 12-rounder for Lothar Stengel's vacated German light heavyweight crown. Prick's efforts were too late and he was outpointed. 5,000 were in the Sportpalast.

Other results: Welterweight. Willi Quatuor, Germany, inactive for several months, beat fellow countryman, Rolf Kersten, KO, one. Welterweight. Randolph Hombach, southpaw, decisioned Helmut Schmitt, 4, in an all-German affair. Brother Kurt Hombach was not so fortunate for he was beaten by Erwin Koch, KO, four. Light middleweight. Werner Mundt decisioned fellow German, Horst Brinkmeier, eight. Heavyweight. Mecki Friedrich outpointed fellow countryman, Manfred Ackers, six. Heavyweight hope, Charley Graf, Germany, beat Landro Galento, KO, one. Dragisa Stankovic, Yugoslavia, (30) veteran of 300 amateur starts, outscored German Rudi Hermann Guckes, four.

► **Berlin**—Promoter Willi Zeller's European light middleweight championship affair between champion Gerhard Piaskowy, Germany, and Frenchman Jean Bajptiste Rolland, brought eight thousand locals to the Sportpalast. Rolland a tough customer, was KO'd in frame eight from a left hook to the chin. He was decked three times in all. Spanish referee Sanchez Villar had the German in front b y 34 to 32 points at the time of the stoppage. Piaskowy won the Eurojean crown in July last year with a decision over Italian Remo Golfarini. This was his first defense.

Other results: Light middleweight. Frank Reich (20) Germany, beat Christian Kok, Holland, KO, one. Middleweight. Matthias Rosenitsch, Austria, beat Horst Wieczorek, Germany, TKO, seven. Light heavyweight. Conny Velensek, Germany, beat Franz Koschina, Austria, TKO, five. Heavyweight. Horst Benedens, Germany, decisioned Giulio Rinaldi, Italy, eight.

► **Hamburg**—Boxing picked up in Hamburg where a full house of 6,000 were at the Ernst Merck Halle for Joachim Göttert's attractive programme. Main attraction was of course Jose Ibar Urtain, Spain. European heavyweight champion, Peter Weiland, Germany, makes a voluntary defense against Urtain in the near future and the Spaniard was brought over to show his workmanship. Unfortunately, his opponent, Leslie Borden, with 11 KO defeats had no right in the same ring. It was the wind from the punch that KO'd Borden" said Peter. Max Schmeling was of a different opinion. Max thought the Spaniard was good, fast and said that the punch that ended the fight, a right to the chin, was real class.

Other results: Heavyweight. Jürgen Blin, Germany, decisioned Ray Patterson, USA, 10, but disappointed. Welterweight. Horst Brinkmeier outpointed fellow German, Karl Furcht, eight, in an untidy affair with far too much clinching. Middleweight. Reinhard Dampmann beat Mohamed Zuhdi, KO, three. Heavyweight. Kurt Ludecke outscored Peter Schulz, four. Middleweight. Frank Reiche beat Manfred Lessmann, TKO, three.

AUSTRIA

► **Vienna**—Before a crowd of 11,000, European welterweight champion Johann Orsolics retained his crown halting German Klaus Klein in round nine. Klein never stopped going forward and surprised most by having no respect for the champion. But, as the fight went on, it was obvious that Orsolics was the master, always landing on the target with good hard blows. He took over command from round four but Klein, with courage and guts, still went after the champion. Klein had no control over his punches and was swinging wildly. From round six on, Orsolics appeared to go all out for a KO. In the heat that followed, Klein was shaken for the first time from a right and left to the head. In round nine, a right cut Klein's right eyebrow and caused third man, Ted Kaysar of Luxembourg, to stop the fight. Klein protested strongly. 27-year-old Klein weighed 65.8 kilo and Orsolics 66.4. This defense of Orsolics had been postponed three times previously.

Other results: Karl Heinz Klein, Germany, drew six with Anton Schnedl, Austria. Welterweight. Cemal Kamaci, Austria, decisioned Angel Robinson Garcia, eight. Local middleweight champion Peter Marklewitz held on to his title with a decision over Vid Stillija, 12. Helmut Stary outscored Oswald Lang to win the local welterweight crown. Heavyweight. Kristofzak, Hungary, beat Emil Svaricek, Austria, KO, two.

FRANCE

► **Sedan**—Heavyweight. Christian Poncelet beat Manfred Ackers, Germany, who was disqualified in the third round.

► **Grenoble**—Welterweight. Albert Mendini beat Marcel Millieu, KO, one.

► **Paris**—Pascal Di Benedetto retained his local middleweight title with a decision over Jo Gonzales, 15. Roger Zami beat Baldassan Picone TKO, nine, to win the vacant junior welterweight crown.

► **Noeux**—Welterweight. Gerard Thomas drew 10 with Georges Fabbri.

► **Paris**—Middleweight. Nessim Cohen drew 10 with Domenico Tiberia. Featherweight. Ould Markloufi beat Pierre Vetroff, TKO, three.

► **Paris**—French welterweight champion Roger Menetrey retained his laurels against Robert Gallois, KO, five. Lightweight. Leonard Tavarez drew 10 with Daniel Vermandere.

HOLLAND

► **Utrecht**—Middleweight. Ben Lachemi beat Joop Verbon, KO, eight. Welterweight. Aad Jansen outscored Giles Fincato, 10.

► **Rotterdam**—Heavyweight. Bas van Duivenbode outpointed Lloyd Walford, eight.

THE BRITISH ISLES

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On the same card, Johnny Cooke, Bootle, was outpointed by Tony Ortiz of Spain in a welterweight 10.

Orizu Obilaso, Leicester via Nigeria, was stopped by Augustin Senin, Spain, in the fourth of a bantamweight setto.

Jake Gulino, Italy, lightweight champion of Australia, was stopped by Pedro Carrasco, Spain's challenger for the world lightweight title, in the seventh.

► **Royal Albert Hall, London**—Joe Bugner, St. Ives, 213, the pin up boy of the younger crop of Heavyweights, will be 20 years of age by the time that these notes appear in The Ring, and has caught the eye of "The Fancy."

It was thought that he was being highly tried when he was asked to meet Roberto Davila, New York based Peruvian, 200, but the youngster came through with a three round win when referee Harry Gibbs ended the contest after inspecting a cut above Davila's left eye.

Davila, after his protests, claimed it was the same cut that he sustained in a fight with George Foreman, and was not as bad as it looked.

In the feature bout, Ralph Charles, West Ham, British welterweight champion, had his hopes for a world title bout crushed when he was clearly outpointed by Raul Soriano, of Mexico, in a 10-rounder. The Mexican had too much "know how" for the British champ, who, according to the referee's card, was five rounds behind at the end.

Johnny Clark, Walworth, 118½, who is matched with Alan Rudkin for the British bantamweight title, had a comfortable points lead against Felipe Gonzalez, of Mexico, 122, in the sixth when referee Sid Nathan wisely called a halt to save Gonzales from further punishment.

Jimmy Tibbs, West Ham, 162, was too strong for Bill Deasey, Oxford, 158, the bout being stopped in the second. John Stracey, Bethnal Green, 139, stopped Tei Dovie, Ghana, 135, in the third. Dennis Avoth, Cardiff, 197, came in as a late substitute, and stopped Terry Feeley, Glasgow, 192, in the fourth. Dave Proud, Penge, 148, and Alan Cooke, Hull, 148, fought a draw in six.

► **Barcelona** — Evan Armstrong, Scotland, enhanced his reputation among the featherweights when he narrowly lost to Jose Legra, Cuban-born Spaniard, on points after a thrilling 10.

The flashy Legra got off to a good start, but Armstrong came back in the latter rounds with his two-handed attacks. In trying to avoid these rushes, Legra slipped to the canvas, rising without taking a count.

Armstrong left the bantamweight division to take his chances among the 126 pounders. On this showing, he looks like he will have a rosy time among the featherweights.

Chuck Henderson, Peterlee, was outpointed in eight by "Angel" Robinson Garcia, Cuban born, but now making his home in Spain.

Tommy Glencross, Scotland, suffered his first defeat as a professional, when he was outpointed by Bob Allotey, Ghana, also a resident of Spain, in a bantamweight eight. Bob Cofie, Ghana, was outpointed by Jose Duran, Spain, in a welterweight eight.

► **Premier Sporting Club, London**—Lady Promoter, Beryl Cameron-Gibbons staged her first show with well-merited success. She called in Len Gibbs, St. Pancras, 152½, as a late substitute to meet Eric Blake, Epsom, 153, in the feature bout, and a lively contest was seen.

Blake was the British representative in the Mexican Olympics. Against the strong, aggressive Gibbs, he got off to a good start, but as the bout progressed, it was the St. Pancras boxer that made up the leeway. His close quarter work had the effect of slowing up Blake, who suffered a cut eye and was outspeeded in the last of their eight rounds to hear referee Benny Caplan score 39½ to 39 in favor of Gibbs.

Dave Parris, Tottenham, 173½, stopped Joe Cassell, Highbury, 172½, in the fifth. Johnny Branch, Islington, 177¼, outpointed Dervan Airey, 175¾, in a thrilling six. Tony Burnett, Cardiff, 147¾, stopped Bob Langley, Farnham, 147, in the fourth.

► **Anglo-American-Sporting Club, London**—Bunny Sterling, Kentish Town, via Jamaica, 157¾, won his elimination contest for the right to meet Les McAteer for the British title, when he stopped Dennis Pleace, Cardiff, 158¼, after 45 secs. of the ninth.

Sterling survived a bad fourth round when he was battered about the body, but, making a good recovery, he became too speedy for Pleace who had no defense when referee Harry Giggs intervened to save the Welshman from further punishment.

Chris Finnegan, Hayes, 164, was too good for Francisco Ferry, of Spain, 162, who stood no chance when the referee intervened in the fourth. Tommy Gray, Fife, 160½, outpointed Ade Ajasco, Nigeria, 163, in six. Les Avoth, Cardiff, 153, outpointed Les Ferdinand, Trinidad, 152½, in six.

► **Royal Albert Hall, London**—Mark Rowe, Camberwell, gained sweet revenge over Pat Dwyer, Bootle, when he stopped the latter in the fourth of a middleweight contest.

It was two years ago that Dwyer threw a spanner in the works of Rowe's career when he stopped the latter in four.

This time it was a steady Rowe who brushed aside the left jabs of Dwyer to score with left hooks to the body. These blows had the effect of slowing up The Bootle boxer, who used the ring to his advantage. Rowe cut off the retreat of Dwyer as the latter made use of the ring. The determined Rowe caught up with him, pressing his advantage with hefty hooks to the head as the bell ended the fourth.

During the minute rest, referee Harry Gibbs was called over to the corner as the seconds of Dwyer stated their man could not continue. They suspected a fracture of the jaw. A visit to the hospital ascertained that it definitely was a jaw injury.

The publicized match between Joe Bugner, St. Ives, 211½, and veteran Johnny Prescott, Birmingham, 194, ended with a points win for Golden Boy Bugner at the end of eight rounds.

Bugner won by 40-38¾, which meant that Bugner did not lose a round.

Jimmy Tibbs, West Ham, 162½, returned to the ring after a long absence—two years to be precise—to deal out punishment to Ray Hassan, Nigeria, 162, who was dropped in the fourth. Rising unsteadily, he was easy prey for Tibbs when referee Billy White wisely intervened. Frank Young, Belfast, 149, made it three to one in his favor, when he outpointed Barry Calderwood, Manchester, 149¾, for the third time. The score was 39¾-39 on referee White's card.

Mick Laud, St. Ives, 146, was too experienced for Alan Cooke, Hull, 146, and gained the decision by 29¾ to 29½, after a thrilling six.

John Stracey, 139½, stopped Tommy Carson, Harrersmith, 144½, in the seventh of a hard hitting contest.

► **National Sporting Club, London**—Chuck Henderson, Peterlee, 149¾, and Ricky Porter, Swindon, 149, put up a good tussle for seven rounds when a clash of heads saw Porter emerge with a badly cut eye. At the end of the round, his corner told referee Harry Gibbs, that it was too bad to allow Porter to carry on.

Howard Sharpe, Harlesden, 164½, came in as a late substitute to add the experienced Fred Powney, Doncaster, 159½, to his record as a clear points winner by 39¾-39, at the end of eight thrilling rounds. Rod Griffiths, Harlesden, 148¾, outpointed Tony Burnett, Cardiff, 147½, in a good six. Gerald Gooding, Harrow, 163½, outpointed Billy Brooks, Kilburn, 161, in six.

► **Bethnal Green, London**—Peter Cragg, 148¼ pounded out a good points win over Barry Calderwood, Manchester, 147¼, in eight.

Johnny Cheshire, Ayr, 134¾, was declared the winner over George O'Neill, Wolverhampton, 132½, in the second round, when referee Harry Humphries disqualified O'Neil for low deliveries. The crowd did not take kindly to the decision.

Fred Wreden, West Ham, 164¾, outpointed Tommy Gray, Fife, 160, in six. Des Morrison, St. Ives, 140, stopped Pat Walsh, Ilford, 144¾, in the third when the latter sustained a badly cut eye. Len Davies, Bangor, 148½, outpointed Alan Cooke, Hull, 149¾, in six.

► **Stoke**—Don Halden, Rugeley, 188½, and Billy Wynter, Antigua, 214, had a thrilling tussle over six rounds before referee Roland Dakin declared a draw, giving each 29½.

Paul Cassidy, Bournemouth, 182, was a shade lucky to be declared the winner over Brian Jewitt, Durham, 182, in six. Tony Bagshaw, Hull, 148, brought off a surprise win over Errol Francis, Wolverhampton, 148, when he landed a wild swing that brought down Francis. Upon rising from a "nine" count in the third, the latter was unsteady on his feet and the referee wisely intervened. Fritz Francis, Wolverhampton, 147, outpointed Dave Evans, Bournemouth, 146, in six. Alan Salter, Peckham, 127, outpointed Ossie O'Connor, Leicester, 129, in six.

► **Anglo-American-Sporting Club, London** — Phil Watford, West Ham, 177, former cruiserweight champion of the Southern Area, was held to a draw by Dervan Airey, Bristol, 176, in a hard fought eight. Referee Benny Caplan scored them even.

Roger Howes, Norwich, 126, won a hard-fought six against Eric Elderfield, Hammersmith, 124¾, that brought a shower of "Nobbins" into the ring at the final bell. Maurice Steves, Brixton, 115, outpointed Joey Wright, Leamington, 117, in six. Johnny Waddingham, Islington, 137, stopped Geoff Williams, Hoxton, 134½, in the fourth.

► **Rotterdam**—Lloyd Walford, Chesterfield, was outpointed by Bas Van Duivenbode, Holland, in a heavyweight 10.

On the same card, Bob Coffie, Ghana, was outpointed by the Hollander, Riedewald, in a middleweight 10.

► **Rome**—Rocky Campbell, Antigua, was knocked out by Italian Mario Baruzzi, in the second of a heavyweight bout.

► **National Sporting Club, London**—Jimmy Bell, Scottish featherweight champion, 125, was a convincing points winner over Young Silky, Leeds, 129¼, in eight. The southpaw Scot used his right jab to offset the aggressive attacks of the Yorkshireman, but was downed in the second from a left hook to the body. Rising without a count, Bell took command from then on to gain referee Benny Caplan's decision by 40-38¾.

John Kellie, Dundee, 119¾, outpointed Sammy Vernon, Belfast, 120, in eight. The referee scored it 39½-38¾, in Kellie's favor.

Tommy Gray, Fife, 161¼, outpointed Billy Arme, Nottingham, 165, in six. Rod Griffiths, Harlesden, 150, deeated Tommy Corrigan, Doncaster, 149½, in the fourth when the latter was disqualified.

► **Premier Sporting Club, London**—Peter Quinn, Swindon, 137, defeated Victor Paul, Nigeria, 135, in a hard-punching eight.

Billy Brooks, Chiswick, 161¾, outpointed Stan Miles, Halstead, 162½, in six. Brian Hall, Bexleyheath, 195¾, outpointed "Outsize" Arthur Hopkins, Hull, 255, in six. Les Davies, Bangor, 147¾, outpointed Tony Bagshaw, Hull, 148½, in six.

► **Anglo-American Sporting Club, Manchester** — Ronnie Hough, Liverpool, proved to be the master of Lennie Gibbs, St. Pancras, 159, in a bruising close-quarter battle.

Towards the end of the fourth, Gibbs was suffering from a bloody nose and a cut left eye. The damage worsened in the fifth. At the end of the round, his seconds called the referee over to their corner to ask him to retire their man.

Colin Miles, Cardiff, 119¼, stopped Joey Wright, Leamington, 118, in the third. Dave Moore, Grimsby, 147, stopped Bobby Smith, Plymouth, 148, in the third. Dave Burland, Preston, 158, stopped teenager Les Avoth, Cardiff, 158½, in the second.

► **National Sporting Club, London**—Pat McCormack, Brixton, 138, made a good comeback with a four-round win over Paul Bromley, Wolverhampton, 136. Referee Bill White, wisely halted the contest with Bromley floundering around the ring.

Howard Sharpe, Harlesdan, 162½, former international amateur, made it six inside-the-distance-wins on points, since going into the professional ranks, when he stopped Gary Chippendale, Bristol, 162¾, in the second.

The taller Chippendale, a noted slugger, came out in the first with heavy swings. But the brainy Sharpe got inside and dealt out hard left hooks to the head and body of the portsider.

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Fitz Francis, Wolverhampton, 148, narrowly outpointed Dave Evans, Bournemouth, 146½, in six. Ray Fallone, Battersea, 146¼, was fortunate in receiving the full honors against Lex Wilson, Jamaica, 151, in six.

► **Belfast**—Des Rea, Belfast, born and based in Cardiff, became the All-Irish champion, when he knocked out Gus Farrell, Dublin, in the 11th of a 15-rounder at 147 lbs.

Farrell, who had not boxed for 10 months, was ring rusty. He was advised by his opponent after the contest to go up to the next division, as weight reducing could bring him nothing but trouble.

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Sammy Lockhart, Lisburn, won the Ulster junior welterweight title when Sean McCafferty, Belfast, was disqualified in the fourth for striking his opponent while he was on the canvas. Paddy McGuire, Belfast, stopped Joey Lando, Liverpool, in the sixth of a bantamweight contest. Paddy Graham, Belfast, knocked out Nicholas Kennedy, Sheffield, in the fifth of a bantamweight contest.

► **Derby**—Obe Hepburn, Manchester, 190¼, scored a big upset when he stopped Don Halden, Rugeley, 187, at 2:27 of the third. Halden won the first two rounds convincingly, but ran into trouble early in the third when Hepburn caught Halden with crisp rights to the head which put the latter on the canvas where he took a count of eight. After rising unsteadily to his feet, referee Roland Dakin wisely stepped between the boxers to save Halden from further punishment.

John Smith, Sutton-in-Ashfield, 161¾, and Terry Mann, Manchester, 159, fought a draw in six. Al Hutchinson, Glasgow, 126, stopped Tommy Moore, Glasgow, 121¾, at 1:14 of the third. John Mitchell, Glasgow, 118½, outpointed Micky Lynch, Loughborough, 120, in six.

► **Milan**—Teddy Meho, Ghana, was outpointed by Silvano Bertini, Italy, in a welterweight eight.

Guinea Roger, Nigeria, was knocked out by Giovanni Biancardi, Italy, in the second of a cruiserweight contest.

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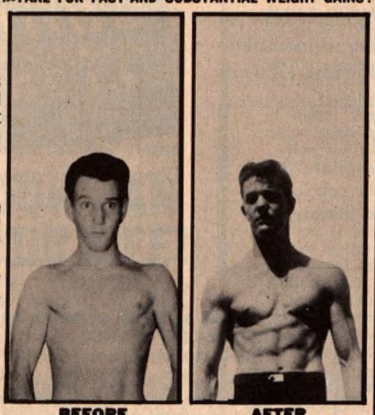

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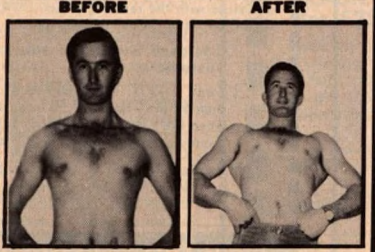

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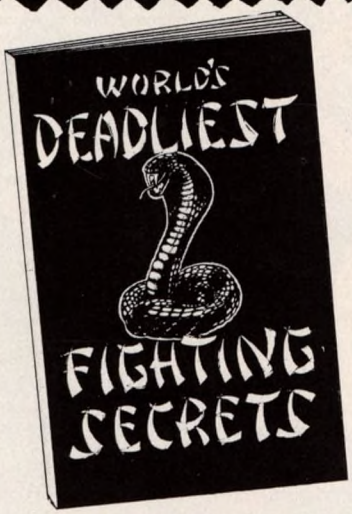

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